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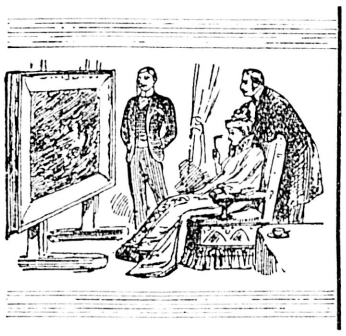

The old year is fast passing away. We soon will turn over a new leaf; look upon the picture of the past, see the mistakes of a year and make new resolutions to be broken. Don't break that resolution to buy for cash. You will have no remorse. For New Year's cheer we offer

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Which commences on January the 3rd, and continues until January the 12th, after which we close for stock-taking. This is a bona fide Clearance Sale and everything in the store has been reduced. Those looking for Bargains should call early.
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3 P'K'GS FOR 25c.
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WILL Mr. Joseph Julian kindly send his address to Miss Ducker; good news for him. ja3

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WANTED—Immediately at the Employment office, 36 Fort street, domestic servants and nursemaids. ja4

WANTED—Smart office boy; no experience necessary. Apply Stein & Meikle, chartered accountants, Bank of Montreal Chambers. ja4

WANTED—Situation as typewriter, or in a store, by a young lady who can give good reference; small wages required. Address M. M., Colonist. ja4

WANTED—The address of Arthur Charles Hancock, of St. Agnes, in the county of Cornwall, architect and builder; last heard of at Victoria, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, about 6½ years ago; any information as to his whereabouts or as to date and place of death (if deceased) will be thankfully received. W. H. Menneer, solicitor, Penzance, Cornwall, England. ja4

WANTED—At once, an under nursemaid. Apply Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Foul Bay Road. ja4

WANTED—Nurse for three children. Box 49, Vancouver, B.C. ja4

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SAFE WANTED—Thoroughly good one. Address Post Office Box 116, City. ja1

ENGLISH ACADEMY—The school reopens Monday, January 10th, 1898. Apply to Miss Devereux, 47-49 Vancouver street. ja4

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NURSE MAID WANTED—Immediately. Apply Roccabella, before 11 or after 3; reference required. ja4

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BEFORE taking stage for Circle City, drop in and see raffle for gold watch and diamond pin at 7:30 at Kinarny's, corner Quadra and Johnson—a few chances left. Winning numbers tomorrow's issue. ja4

BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, LTD—NOTICE—Owing to the double tracking of Government street, Esquimalt cars will start from the corner of Johnson street until further notice. ja4

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FOR SALE - 5-roomed cottage on Stanley avenue; cheap at $1,600, on easy terms; 2 cottages on Michigan street at $1,100 each. A. W. More & Co., 86 Government street. ja

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FOR SALE - Four lots in Vancouver and 6 lots in Hastings townsite, cost $925; 1,000 Victoria Texada shares; 2,000 Mineral Hill shares; 10,000 Iron Queen shares, all for $400 which is a great snap. A. W. More & Co., 86 Government street.

LOST—A bunch of keys. Finder please return to the Colonist office.

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New Advertisements continued on page Two.

BRITAIN'S FIRM STAND.

She Must Share in Every Concession Granted by China to Any Other Power.

Existing Treaties Make This Guarantee and Her Forces Will Ensure Their Observation.

MANCHESTER, Jan. 3.—The Manchester Guardian to-day says: "The government has categorically stated that Great Britain will refuse to recognize any special rights granted by any Chinese port to any particular power. Any port open to one power must be open to all or open to none. Russia having been granted the right to winter ships at Port Arthur, Great Britain will enforce her rights to the same privilege, and her ships will winter there, whether China concedes or not."

Continuing the Manchester Guardian remarks: "If Germany obtains a naval station at Kaiochou, Great Britain insists upon having a lease of ground for a naval station at the same port, and she will support every other power making the same claim. The contention of the government is that the most favored nation clause in the British and all other treaties with China forbids any special concession of the nature anticipated at Kaiochou and prevents nations from acquiring special benefits in which the others do not share.

"The government has also declared that the same principle applies to such transactions as railway and mine monopolies. Taking the stand on the treaties, Great Britain refuses to acknowledge such concessions, and will insist on similar railway and mine rights and use force to secure or defend them when it may be necessary.

Up to a late hour this evening the statement of the Manchester Guardian of this morning has neither been confirmed nor denied. But the general belief is that whether an actual note has been dispatched to China or not the Guardian's statement fairly represents British opinion.

There is considerable activity in the defence departments. Lord Wolseley, the Commander-in-Chief, came unexpectedly to London to-day from Brighton and spent several hours at the war office.

HONGKONG, Jan. 3.—The British warship Powerful has arrived here. The Powerful is a first class cruiser of over 14,000 tons displacement and 25,000 indicated horse power.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—The Novosti publishes an article strongly urging a Russo-Japanese alliance as the best means of guaranteeing mutual interests and the maintenance of the political equilibrium. It is understood that this view is favored in Russian official circles.

TRICKED BY THE RUSSIANS.

China Induced by False Pretences to Admit Them to Port Arthur.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Russians tricked China into consenting to an occupation of Port Arthur by representing that the British fleet was coming to capture it. They also asked the Chinese to prohibit the English from landing. The latter request was refused, but any Englishman going ashore at Port Arthur is shadowed by the Russians."

CHANG SAYS WHAT FOR.

The Chinese Statesman Upon Germany's Arbitrary Occupation of a Port.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The Herald this morning publishes a dispatch from Pekin containing the views expressed by Li Hung Chang as to recent events. He says:

"The forcible occupation of Kiaochou by Germany is in direct violation of the existing treaties and international law. The pretext made for this act of war was the murder of two missionaries by robbers in the interior of the province of Shantung. The Chinese government offered immediate and full redress for this outrage, the punishment of the criminals, dismissal of local officials, and large compensation for all losses.

"Anxious to avoid hostile acts, Chinese troops were withdrawn from Kiaochou when the Germans landed, and in spite of the strong public feeling prevailing throughout the country for the defence of Chinese territory against aggression, my government has not sent reinforcements against Kiaochou.

"Outlaws exist in China, as in all countries. Neither treaties, law or religion can possible entirely suppress crime anywhere in the world. Though we condemn and punish criminals, there are places in every country where lawlessness abounds, and to such places in Shantung the German missionaries determined to go, knowing the inhabitants themselves were often victims of these bandits.

"Unfortunately, China has not yet recovered from the effects of the late war, and our country requires a period of peace to carry out the work of reform lately begun. Of late years, from instruction and observation, the Chinese have come to regard the countries in the Western world as models, and even greater in justice than in arms. Is it just to repress while we are struggling to emerge from the restraints of our ancient civilization, while improvement and progress steadily continue? Should China be distressed by having spies invade and territory invaded because of occurrences which western countries would deal with by law and not war—an unexpected incident deplored by my government and followed by full redress?

"Our desire is to preserve our territory intact and steadily improve it as a field open to all countries equally for the development of commerce."

GENERAL LOCKHART CUT OFF.

His Indian Enemy Very Active and Inflicts Losses on the Oxfordshire Regiment.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 3.—The Zakka-Khels have blocked the road from Ali Musjid to Lundi Kotal, preventing the establishment of communication with General Sir Wm. Lockhart.

The enemy is every active, and has fired on the Oxfordshire Regiment which is engaged in convoy duty at Kherber Pass, wounding Col. Pleuden and Lieut. Owen. Some of the men being hampered by the task of removing the wounded, had difficulty in gaining shelter.

Three men were killed and twelve, including Captain Parr, were wounded in subsequent fighting. Finally they were joined by another company and retired into the walled enclosures, where they are awaiting reinforcements.

BISMARCK VERY LOW.

The Stern Old Statesman Losing Courage Because of Gout and Other Infirmities.

HAMBURG, Jan. 3.—Prince Bismarck's feet were tapped to-day by Dr. Freeze, of this city.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News says: "There is unfavorable news from Friedrichsruhe. Although the recent alarming rumors were grossly exaggerated, the rigorous way in which the manor house has been closed to everybody facilitates the circulation of unfounded reports.

Dr. Schweninger has expressed the opinion that Prince Bismarck's gout is taking its normal course and will soon pass over. It must not be forgotten, however, that his medical advisers are doing their utmost to prevent any unfavorable report from reaching Bismarck, who takes a very pessimistic view of his condition.

LIBRARIAN BOND DEAD.

Survived His New Year Honors But a Few Days—The Earl of Wilton Too.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Edward Augustus Bond, principal librarian of the British Museum from 1878 to 1888, and who was made a Knight Companion of the Bath at the recent distribution of New Year honors by the Queen, is dead.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Earl of Wilton is dead.

SPAIN'S COSTLY STRUGGLE.

Further Millions for the Troops Engaged With the Stubborn Cubans — Five Thousand More Soldiers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—A banking firm of this city received $3,000,000 on the La Bretagne, which arrived from Havre to-day. The gold is for shipment to Cuba, where it will be used to pay off the Spanish soldiers.

HAVANA, Jan. 3.—La Discussione says that General Blanco will take the field within the next fortnight and proceed to east Cuba. During his absence from Havana, Senor Galves, premier of the new cabinet, will assume control of the government.

MADRID, Jan. 3.—General Weyler's behavior, which is considered here as shuffling, in apologizing to the Queen regent and hastily explaining to the Premier, Senor Sagasta, that he was not responsible for the publication of his protest, has alienated many of his supporter among the Carlists who hoped to entangle the General in the revolutionary mesh. They are especially disappointed at the fact that the government appears to be satisfied that the so-called Weyler bubble has passed and the Spanish army is not gangrened.

It is said that only three of the Spanish generals are in sympathy with General Weyler.

The government will send five thousand troops to Cuba at the end of January. This will bring the troops to 40,000.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents. x

LITTLE LONDON IS SAD.

Thirty Citizens Killed and Many Injured by Collapse of Old City Hall.

Two Hundred Precipitated to Floor Below and Crushed Beneath Tons of Iron.

Terrible Ending to an Election Meeting—List of the Victims.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

LONDON, Ont. Jan. 3.—A third very terrible tragedy was added to the city's record of disasters to-night, by the collapse of the city hall, causing deaths to the number of 29 or 30, with probably many more to die from injuries received.

It was a gathering to listen to successful and unsuccessful municipal candidates. The hall was old but supposed to be sound, though it has not been used for dancing lately. It is supposed the stamping for the candidates had loosened the beams, and at 9 o'clock part of the floor over the city engineer's office gave way, and a couple of handred people were precipitated into the room below, while on them fell large beams and, worse than all, the massive iron safe and steam coil, which crushed and pinned scores of unfortunates.

At the time of writing the number reported dead is 29, and it is estimated that the number of injured is at least 150; many of them are hurt fatally.

The scene in the hall was indescribable. People went half mad trying to get out. The cry of fire started and the police and firemen were quickly on the spot, and as soon as the horrible situation was realized the services of both were used in carrying the dead and wounded to hospitals. Large crowds gathered in the streets, where the confusion and excitement were terrible, nobody knowing who might not be among the dead or injured, who were not all secured for two hours.

The following are the names of the dead so far recovered:

W. T. Smith, ex-street car conductor.
L. W. Burke, insurance agent.
Noble Carrothers, nephew of Ald. Carrothers.
Crawford Beckett, contractor.
Ex-Ald. John Turner, carriage maker.
Ed. Luxton, Centralia.
Fred. Heaman, son of ex-Ald. Heaman.
W. H. Della, baker, West London.
R. S. Leigh, plumber.
A. E. Phillips, flour dealer.
B. J. Nash, carriage maker.
Wm. Edward Talbot, aged 13.
Ben Jaques, cabman.
W. J. Borland.
Stewart Harrison, aged 51.
Steve Williams.
James Hallis.
Frank Robinson.
Jack Fellows.
W. Burridge.
George Smith.
Boy named McLean.

At 1 a.m. the deaths numbered 30, and the list was likely to be even larger.

[The telegraph office in Victoria closed too early to enable further details asked for by the COLONIST from its correspondent to be obtained.]

TORONTO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Great Vote for Abolishing Tax Exemptions —Ned Hanlan an Alderman.

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The elections here to-day resulted in the return of Mayor Shaw, by the vote of Shaw 12,602, and E. A. Macdonald, 8,416.

Edward Hanlan, the oarsman, was elected alderman in Ward 4.

The citizens voted on the question of abolishing tax exemptions, and decided to that effect by 11,331 to 1,175.

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CARPENTER tools at Cheapside. x

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La Espanola, Legitimidad, Rock Y Vile, Flor Celeste,
Henry Clay, La Acceptable, La Carolina, La Diligencia, Los Magnificas, Etc.

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BONDING FOR YUKON.

Washington Concedes the Privilege Without the Expensive Conditions of Last Season.

Transfer to Stickeen River Craft May Be Made From Ocean Steamers.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—Mr. Sifton states that he has made satisfactory arrangements at Washington regarding customs matters affecting British Columbia. Canadians will meet with no trouble from United States customs officers in getting in their goods to Yukon via Dyea and Skaguay, and will be able to secure again the rights which were granted for last season by the government at Washington, there being practically a continuation of these privileges. It is to be made plain, however, that importers are no longer to be put to the unreasonable expense of having customs officers accompany each consignment of goods.

As regards the Stickeen, there will be no trouble in getting goods up the stream and transferring from ocean to river boats.

Mr. Sifton thinks we are indebted to the Americans for their appropriation of $200,000 which they have offered to spend in assisting the distressed miners. He advised them that their plan was not likely to succeed on the precise lines laid down by them, and the result was a decision to ship in the supplies by packhorses. He had also offered to send with these an escort of fifty Mounted Police, which will be part of the force going through to Dawson City.

THE REINDEER SCHEME.

The Authorized Purchasers Now in England on Their Way to Lapland.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The steamship companies here are now much interested in the presence in England of Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., and Lieut. D. B. Devore, military secretary of the United States for war, who arrived in England as special agents for the United States to hire a ship with which to convey reindeer and Laplanders to New York to be used for forwarding supplies to the miners in the Yukon valley. Several ships have been offered to them on reasonable terms, the companies desiring the incidental advertisement. No selection, however, has yet been made. Dr. Jackson will start for Lapland tomorrow.

MOVING ON KLONDYKE.

Vancouver Feeling the First Effects of This Season's Rush.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 3.—(Special)—Twenty-seven Mounted Police left by the Rosalie this afternoon. There are many people bound for Klondyke now in Vancouver waiting for the next steamer from here.

READY TO FIGHT ABROAD.

Vancouver Militiamen Take to Themselves the Suggestion of a Battalion from Canada.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The New York Sun despatch to the effect that in the event of war in China a Canadian battalion would be despatched from Vancouver to Hongkong has been read with special interest here, being by some taken literally as referring to a Vancouver battalion rather than one from anywhere in Canada to be despatched via Vancouver. The officers of the Fifth regiment here, discussing the matter, think it quite likely the Imperial authorities may give Canada a chance, seeing that it is nearest to the scene of action.

The Vancouver men, they say, would be willing and eager to go at the call of duty, and indeed would be obliged to embark when ordered by the home office, as the regulations distinctly say that they are to serve when called upon in Canada or elsewhere. The Vancouver and New Westminster companies can be ready in twenty-four hours if called upon.

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—The following is a special cable to the Evening Telegram, dated London, January 3:

"Though it is officially denied that the naval reserve is being quietly called out, inquiries are being made respecting the intention of Canada to establish immediately recruiting stations."

UNFORTUNATE STEAMERS.

Thomson Liner Backs Off the Rocks to Sink in Deep Water—Without a Propeller.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The Thomson line steamer Gerona, which went ashore off the southeastern extremity of Nova Scotia early on Saturday morning, sank in deep water an hour and a half after backing off the rocks.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 3.—The steamer reported yesterday in distress in Trepassey bay, twenty miles west of Cape Race, proved to be the Alnwyck, Capt. Sampper, from Newcastle for Baltimore, in ballast, twenty days out. The steamer Clover took her in tow this morning to bring her here. The Alnwyck had lost her propeller and was helpless. Two tugs are now bringing her along the shore, and they are due about midnight.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick headache, billiousness or constipation you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable, small and easy to take. Don't forget this.

KOOTENAY MINES SOLD.

Columbia & Kootenay and the Whitewater Reported Disposed Of at High Figures.

ROSSLAND, Jan. 3.—F. A. Heinze has thrown up his bond on the Columbia and Kootenay mine, after spending upwards of $100,000 on the property. It is said that he finds it impossible to treat the product of this mine at a profit. There is good reason to believe that the British American Corporation has secured the property for $300,000. Mr. C. H. Mackintosh, of the B. A. C., will be here in a few days.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The Whitewater mine and adjoining claims in the Slocan have been sold to the London and British Columbia Gold Fields Company, Limited, for $200,000.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S VIEWS.

In declaring in favor of the Stickeen river or Coast route Sir Charles is no doubt prepared to accept the responsibility attaching to such advocacy. He has probably made a study of the different trails and routes and bases his conclusion upon what appears to him to be the soundest reasons.—Winnipeg Tribune.

A PHENOMENAL SHOWING.

It is an old axiom that figures do not lie, and in another column we present an array of statistics that those who take an interest in the Trail Creek division can point to with pride. They show that it is beginning to realize the expectations of its most sanguine friends as a producer of the precious metals, and that its capacity in this respect is only just beginning to be appreciated and known. The showing is marvelous when compared with the product of the two previous years. The total value of the metals produced in this division in the year that has just passed into history was $3,025,518. Of this large sum $2,544,284 was in gold, $406,234 in copper and $75,000 in silver.

Now let us see how this output for the year 1897 compares with the previous year. Before 1895 there is no data obtainable as to the very small, if any, production of metals in the division. According to the most reliable data the total product of the division in 1895 was $902,457. In the year 1896 it was $1,243,360. This, added to the production of 1897, $3,025,518, gives $4,971,235 as the grand total production of the mines of Trail division for the three years. It will be observed that the increase of 1896 over 1895 was 72 per cent., while the increase of 1897 over 1896 was 150 per cent. It is safe to presume with the enormous amount of development work that has been done and the fact that some of the mines could ship more ore if it was so desired leads to the inference that the increase in the year 1898 will be still greater than in any of the three previous years.

The total output of ore for the division is $75,000 tons, and unfortunately there was no record kept of the tonnage of the previous years. Taking the ratio of the increase of the production of ore, it is almost safe to predict that the output during the present year will be more than doubled.

In the matter of a pay roll the most reliable information shows that there are probably about 750 men employed in the mines around Rossland, and this is a big increase over the number employed in the division at the commencement of the year. It is safe to say that this number will be doubled before the end of 1898. This we believe will be so because of the increased interest that is taken here and the absorption of properties recently by several well-known English companies, which are well supplied with means for developing the properties they have acquired, and which must of necessity spend large sums in making mines out of the prospects that they have purchased.

Turning from the Trail division to the Kootenay district the output is no less gratifying. For the year the total output for the entire division was $8,136,696. This is an enormous yield when it is considered that the entire yield of the lode mines for all of British Columbia for the ten previous years was only $8,067,322. The Trail Creek division played no unimportant part in bringing about this result, and contributed $3,025,518 toward it. As another comparison of this great increase, the figures of the entire yield of all the lode mines of British Columbia for 1896, $4,257,179, will be taken, and they will reveal that the Kootenay district alone nearly doubled this output in 1897. The showing is so remarkable that it presages many good things and a great and enduring prosperity for this region; so great that we almost fear to prophesy it for fear that it may be considered that we are romancing. We will be satisfied, however, if the same ratio of increase is kept up that was shown in 1897 over the year 1896.—Rossland Miner.

AFTER COL. BAKER NOW.

The Fort Steele Prospector will never forgive Col. Baker for being interested in a town that is to be located on the railroad. The Colonel is abused because he owns several thousand acres of valuable land around Cranbrook and is a minister of the crown. The Colonel is abused because he worked some ten years to have a railroad built through Southeast Kootenay, and is a minister of the crown. The Colonel is abused because that road is to be built, and that the building of it may give him some returns for the time and money expended, while he is a minister of the crown. In fact, so far as Col. Baker is concerned, with the Prospector it is a case of be damned if you do and be damned if you don't. If the Colonel had given away his interests in his East Kootenay property and the coal company, and spent all he had in buying lots in Fort Steele, he would be called a saint at once, and invited to sit on the sacred Fort Steele stool, with Venosta on his right and Grace on his left, while the band would play "On to Glory."—The International.

Hacking Cough Cured.

GENTLEMEN,—My brother was troubled with a very bad hacking cough, but after using three bottles of Norway Pine Syrup he was completely cured. I cannot recommend it too highly.

MISS M. BRADSHAW,
Wesleyville, Ont.

Mackintoshes and Overcoats, Gloves and Mitts. B. Williams & Co.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Precautions to Lessen Possible Awkward Results of Postmaster-General's Blunder.

Modern Equipment for the Militia—Ottawa Votes a Bonus—Municipal Campaign.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—Instructions have been issued to city postmasters not to send to the dead letter office any letters for points within the Empire, which may be mailed short of postage under Mr. Mulock's 3 cent per ounce proposal of a few week's ago, since possibly some people may not have heard of the cancellation of the postmaster-general's widely announced proposal. For the present short paid letters will be sent forward to their destination, postmasters affixing the stamps necessary to make up the deficiency in postage.

An order-in-council has been passed adopting the Oliver accoutrements for the use of the Canadian infantry and artillery, the total weight of which exclusive of the kit bag is 86 ounces. The patent only is secured from Surgeon-General Oliver. Tenders will be called for the 35,000 or 40,000 necessary for a complete supply to the forces.

A remarkable municipal campaign ended here to-day, showing a strong sentiment in favor of Canada for the Canadians. The aldermen who had voted a few months ago to purchase an American fire engine without giving a fair chance to Canadian manufacturers were completely snowed under, sixteen candidates who condemned the transaction being elected and only eight who endorsed it.

It is stated here positively that Judge Jette will be the next lieut.-governor of Quebec, and that Mr. Langelier will succeed him on the bench.

The wardens of Dominion penitentiaries held their first meeting here to-day, J. C. Whyte, of New Westminster being amongst those in attendance.

A bonus of $75,000 to the Ottawa & New York Railway Company to establish workshops here was adopted by property owners to-day by a majority of 9,326.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

New Banks for Edmonton—A Lawyer for Klondyke—Indian Instructor Falls Dead.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 3.—(Special)—Richard Muir, Indian farm instructor on the Moosomin reserve, near Battleford, dropped dead while making New Year's calls on Saturday.

The Merchants' and Molson's banks here decided to open branches at Edmonton.

Mr. N. F. Hagel, Q.C., leaves soon for the Klondyke, where he will practice his profession. He will accompany Hon. Edgar Dewdney. They propose to start in February.

A complimentary banquet to Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., is to be given by the Conservatives of this city on Saturday evening next at the Leland hotel.

THE PAPAL ENCYCLICAL.

It Condemns the School Makeshift as Insufficient and Inefficacious.

QUEBEC, Jan. 3.—(Special)—At the New Year's reception at the Cardinal's Palace the administrator of the diocese, Mgr. Begin, in reply to an address from the clergy, announced that the attitude taken by the bishops on the Manitoba school question was highly praised and approved without restriction by the encyclical, which, added his Grace, "condemns the settlement as insufficient and inefficacious, and asks Catholics to unite in order to obtain respect for their rights."

Mgr. Begin then appealed to the clergy to work for the extirpation of the party spirit which had done so much harm in the country, as instead union and harmony should exist between members of the clergy and the bishops.

C.P.R. Receipts.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The C. P.R. traffic returns for the week ending December 31 were $797,000. For the same week the previous year, $691,000.

THE SPOILS—A PROTEST.

How from high councils has rectitude vanished!
Honor and justice exist but in name;
In their place we have intrigue and weak vacillation,
And we who are free-born endure the deep shame!

Shall we endure it? Nay, knowing that Britain's
Tricolor floats not where wrong is allowed,
Right shall prevail yet; our watchword and beacon,
To rear us a nation majestic and proud.

We will not the robber, the cheat, and the spoilsman,
Charlatans, bold in their five years' stay;
Give us true men, who regard not the fleshpots,
Statesmen and patriots, not common clay.

Fathers and sons of the land we inherit,
Mothers of men who shall yet hold place;
Say, shall a system like this be established,
Debasing our future, our homes and our race?

Let us be earnest in all that is righteous;
Give office to no one who only self seeks;
But broad be our views, as our fair Dominion,
And pure be our thoughts as our snow-capped peaks.

Guardians of equity, order, and commerce—
Gift of the people the power that you wield—
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Think of it! Shall you tradition and precedent
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LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

Victoria, B.C., June 1st, 1897. je5

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AT THE CITY COUNCIL.

Cleaning Up the Tag Ends of Business Before the Close of Their Term.

The city council had only a short meeting last night, the end of their year being near and but little left to finish up the work in hand. There were a few communications and reports to deal with but nothing that required any lengthy discussion. In reply to a letter from Messrs. Crease & Crease repeating Mr. McCormack's claim, on account of the condemned shack torn down on Fisgard street, it was decided to inform the writers that the city recognized no claim.

The market superintendent reported collections of $133.90 for the month and $1,227.65 for the year. His annual report, with that of the other city departments, will be considered next Monday night.

The Sanitary Inspector reported that the box drain nuisance complained of by the J.B.A.A. was caused by a box drain draining into the harbor and to which the water closets of two Kingston street houses were connected. This was considered not quite definite enough and the report was referred back to the Inspector.

The fire wardens reported the improvements in the fire department during the gear and this will be sent to the fire underwriters for their information.

Street crossings and sidewalks came in for a little talk on the street committee's report stating that there were no funds for the crossing at the J.B.A.A. club house.

Ald. McCandless did not see that the crossing would cost much, and as the finances had come out with a small balance he hoped the crossing would be built.

Ald. Hall spoke up for the crossing, too. There were hundreds of young men who belonged to the club, and he hoped that the committee could see their way clear to make the crossing.

Ald. Kinsman explained that when the committee reported they had not known there would be any balance on hand.

Ald. Wilson backed up the crossing and Ald. Partridge put in a word for a new sidewalk from Johnson to Yates on the east side of Government street. The result was that the street committee agreed to amend their report to recommend both crossing and sidewalk, and the meeting then adjourned.

THE CITY

THE military ball committee meet this evening at 9:30 at the drill hall.

CAPTAIN WALBRAN at last evening's meeting of the Natural History Society continued his interesting paper on the early navigation of British Columbia. The extended paper by the master of the Quadra is in reality a well considered and authenticated history of the birth of the marine interests of the Pacific province of Canada.

ON Thursday evening there will be an amateur boxing and single stick contests at the Beacon Hill Athletic Club rooms for silver medals, presented by Denver Ed. Smith, and in addition there will be singing, clog and jig dancing. The evening will conclude with a six-round glove contest for points between Young Baxter, of H.M.S. Imperieuse, and Billy Moss, of Montreal.

UPWARDS of fifty ladies, members of the Church of Our Lord, assembled at a reception given at the residence of Mrs. Langley, Menzies street, yesterday afternoon and spent the hours between 3 o'clock and 6 o'clock very cheerily and enjoyably. The reception, which was under the management of Mrs. Geo. Langley and Mrs. (Dr.) Wilson, was one of those friendly gatherings which adherents of the Reformed Episcopal church frequently hold. Bishop and Mrs. Cridge were present during the afternoon.

AMONG the passengers by the Walla Walla from San Francisco last night was Mr. R. Pitcher Woodward, who paid an election bet and secured fame in the United States newspapers by crossing the continent from New York to San Francisco on a donkey. He varied his jaunt by lecturing in San Francisco and other cities through which he passed, and will likely lecture here as well. He is accompanied and will be assisted by Mr. H. R. H. Gibbons, an English elocutionist and actor, and Mr. Cardwell, who [illegible] to stock the[illegible]ciated with them in the lectures, to breed and dea[illegible]ersed with recitations and musi-cattle, sheep and [illegible]ections.

(b) To work and [illegible] STRATE MACRAE yesterday re-works and propo[illegible] his decision in the case brought possession of the [illegible] D. F. Adams by the city for ob-manner as the di[illegible] David street at Point Ellice by may determine; [illegible] smelting works, lumber on it. Mr. Belyea, for mills and machi[illegible] dwelling houses [illegible]nce, claimed that the lease which struct, maintain [illegible]ms had of the foreshore from the ways, watercourse[illegible] government included all the lines, or any other [illegible] David street covered by high munication, whethe[illegible]r. Mason, for the city, contended phone, phonograph, [illegible]wise, by electricity [illegible] the other hand that the title or otherwise, reserv[illegible] passed by the original grantor gas and water works, [illegible] Crown to the Hudson's Bay gation works, wharv[illegible] them to John Work, and works of every na[illegible]et was now included within purchase, rent, hire [illegible]undaries. steam or sailing sh[illegible] carry out such cont[illegible] as may [illegible]

[illegible] Cora Joham, Watina Gil-[illegible] Amanda Moller, of the Grau[illegible] and C. Marker are among [illegible] the Hotel Victoria.

[illegible]ment of inland revenue for [illegible]ts the following collections [illegible] of December.

[illegible]	$11,444 91
[illegible]	1,649 55
tobacco	1,766 75
[illegible]	836 25
Groleum	27 20
[illegible]	1 00
	$15,725 66

[illegible]g are the returns from the [illegible] house for the month of [illegible]:

[illegible]	$ 28,531
[illegible]	172,565
[illegible]ty collected	$201,097
Other revenue	$56,432 26
	5,187 47
Total	$61,619 73
Exports—Produce of Canada	$49,028
not " " "	8,382
Total	$57,410

THE SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST leads.

Klondyke Outfits, Best Value for Money at W. & J. Wilson's.

Foster Magurn, the well known life insurance representative, is making his home at the Hotel Victoria.

RELIEF FOR MINERS.

A Victoria Offer to the United States Government—The All-Canadian Route.

On Friday last the Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation of this city telegraphed to the United Secretary of the Treasury asking if a proposition would be considered from that company to take any of the supplies that may be sent into the Yukon by way of the Stickeen-Teslin route, the intention of the company being, if arrangements with the government can be made, to send the goods through on sleds drawn by horses as far as Teslin Lake, and if desired down the Hootalinlinqua to the Lewis river by the same method of transportation.

There is no doubt as to the feasibility of such a plan, the only question being one of cost. The Secretary of the Treasury referred the matter to the Secretary of War, who has telegraphed to the company to put itself in communication with the officer commanding the United States forces at Fort Vancouver, Washington. This the company will at once do.

FROM AUSTRALIAN EXCHANGES.

A Visit to Tristan d'Acunha—Gold Yield of Queensland.

Trhee little islands midway between the Cape of Good Hope and the coast of South America, forming the Tristan d'Acunha group, have been under the British flag since 1816, but no British government, it is said, has, within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, paid any attention to them. The population of the islands now consists of 45 women and 15 men, some of the accessions being due to shipwrecks and some to desertions from whaling vessels. Captain Dexter, of the ship Honolulu, which arrived in Sydney recently from New York, had a visit from some of the islanders when crossing the Southern ocean. On the 15th October the ship arrived within sight of the island, and very soon a large boat containing 13 persons was observed making for the ship. On arrival alongside the boat was found to contain a quantity of provisions in the shape of sheep, geese, eggs, etc. The supplies were taken on board, and in exchange Captain Dexter gave the islanders bread, tea, coffee, sugar, etc. Captain Dexter also supplied them with a quantity of clothing and other necessaries. A long stay was made by the islanders on the Honolulu. They reported that the health of the inhabitants on the island was good. They had secured two boats from the wreck of the ship Helenslea, a vessel which was lost on one of the islands some months ago, whilst en route to Fremantle. They had also picked up a quantity of wreckage from the ill-fated vessel.

The Queensland executive has decided that the law shall take its course in the case of Frank Smith, who was convicted of a capital offence near Gympie.

Benjamin Wherrill, who was condemned to death for the murder of his wife at Springhill, Brisbane, is not to be executed, the sentence being commuted to 30 years' penal servitude.

The gold yield of Queensland for the month of November was 78,024 ounces, an increase of 21,467 ounces as compared with the same month of last year.

PERSONAL.

Lady Reid, of Vancouver, is staying at the Driard.

W. A. Jowett, of Nelson, is in town and staying at the Driard.

Chester Glass is down from Spokane on business and is at the Driard.

W. H. Lomas, Indian agent, is here from Duncan, and is at the Oriental.

Frank B. Gibbs came over from the Sound by the City of Kingston yesterday.

W. E. Hodges and Captain McIntyre, of London, England, are registered at the Oriental.

Captain Lloyd and E. H. Francis were among the passengers from the Sound by yesterday morning's steemer.

Jules Grau and the members of his opera company came over from Portland by the City of Kingston yesterday.

PASSENGERS

Per steamer KINGSTON from the Sound—C Barns, R S Easterbrook, H C Culver, G A Macy, Frank B Gibbs, Miss Vaulte, Miss Murray, T E Atherton, Irving Walker, J H Friend, Chester Glass, W A Jowett, J S Latimer, Miss F Shaw, Miss Gilmore, Miss Miller, W Cost, M Hocker, A S Langevin and wife, R Ladd and wife, E H Francis, J Grau, A Netcojano, A Bonneroy, Capt Lloyd, D Boyton, Miss Boyton, F Moran, M Cohen, Miss Mortimer, Miss Carrington, Miss Baron, S Felsh, W N Mitchell, T W Fox and wife, Mrs S Felsh, Geo Gordon, F Sontag, G Clayton and wife, Miss Thomas, Miss Hale, T Millington, C E Cunington, J Pierce, Mrs Pierce, A A Calquhoun, G Nicholson, C Avery, Jas Poliard, A Nelson, H Junker, J Thorne, S S Wallace, W Winterfield, T E Phenning, J Sunterman, A L Palmer, Miss King, Miss Rohland, J Phillips, J Eberfeld, H Wallace, Miss Lorenz, A Pater, B Fare.

Per steamer WALLA WALLA from San Francisco—W N Falconer, A Heyman, W Little, F S Stowe, J Gibbens, T W Morden, Miss Watson, R T Thwaits and wife, R G Baldwin, E H Cardwell, Miss A Munroe, J Reid, E H Cardwell, D O Waldron, M Smith.

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A SQUAD OF PRISONERS.

Some Elect for Trial at the Assizes—Indian Teeter Takes His Medicine Speedily.

The new year opened with a batch of prisoners who yesterday came before Mr. Justice Drake to elect how they would be tried for the various offences charged against them. One of these was A. Shrapnel, who was captured by several Chinamen at Oak Bay and handed over to the police with the explanation that they had caught him flagrante delicto—or the Chinese equivalent—breaking into a vegetable storehouse. Shrapnel indignantly denies he did anything so bad, and told the court yesterday that he would like a jury trial. Consequently his case goes over to the assizes, he being in the meantime admitted to bail in the sum of $500.

Teeter, or Ne Moo Quatee, as he is called when he is at home, was charged before Mr. Justice Drake with obstructing the police in the performance of their duty. Teeter is the old Indian who, safely ensconced behind a stone barricade, kept at bay the myrmidons of the law when they paddled up Kliskish inlet on the West Coast to capture Louis and Daisy, suspected of murdering Ne Can. Teeter, with three loaded muskets, amused himself by taking sights at the officers, who did not see the fun of it. Teeter said yesterday, in explanation, that he had not wanted to shoot the white men, but was keeping guard for fear the Indians in the canoe had been sent by Ne Cay's father to kill Louis and Daisy. Teeter seems a survival of the Indians of the old regime when it was quite the proper thing to pop off anyone who came in one's way. He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor, and the lesson will not be lost upon him.

John Johnson, who took French leave of the chain gang last November but was promptly arrested again, came for election before Mr. Justice Drake on a charge of attempted escape. He chose to be tried at the next assizes by a jury.

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THE public schools of the city reopened yesterday after the Christmas vacation. The attendance, as a rule, was good, in some instances being larger than last term. Twenty-two new pupils were added to the already large list at the South Park school, the attendance yesterday being 400. Ten pupils were passed into the High school. The attendance at the Girls' Central was 344, 14 new pupils being received. The Victoria West school attendance continues to increase, as was evidenced by the large number of pupils who answered to the roll call yesterday, there being 215 present. In the eight divisions of the Boys' Central 335 pupils answered to their names.

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The expedition, which will be accompanied by eighty teams of horses, sleighs, and three trains of dogs, will be in charge of Hon. Edgar Dewdney ex-Minister of the Interior of Canada and ex-Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia and will be accompanied by Mr. Caldwell Ashworth, of London, a Director of the Corporation.

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Dated at the City of Victoria, the 3rd day of December, A.D. 1897.

R. T. ELLIOTT, Solicitor for the Applicants.

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Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate by any kind or kinds of motive power, and maintain either a standard or narrow gauge railway for the purpose of conveying passengers and freight, including all kinds of merchandise, from a point at or near Portland Inlet or Portland Canal, Cassiar District, British Columbia by the most direct and feasible route to a point at or near Teslin Lake; and with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharves, docks and coal bunkers; and with power to build, own, equip, operate and maintain steam and other vessels and boats; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches; and to carry on a general express business, and to build and operate all kinds of plant for the purpose of supplying light, heat, electricity or any kind of motive power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the company; and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipality, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to make traffic or other arrangements with railways steamboats or other companies: and with power to build wagon roads to be used in the construction of such railway and in advance of the same, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on all freight passing over any of such roads built by the company, whether built before or after the construction of the railway; and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

Dated at the City of Victoria the 4th day of August, A.D. 1897.

HUNTER & OLIVER, Solicitors for the Applicants.

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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway of standard or any other gauge from a point at or near the head of Lynn canal northward along Dalton's trail or as near thereto as practicable to a point at or near Fort Selkirk in the North West Territories, with power to connect with any railway in American Territory, and to construct, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, ways, bridges and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and with power to build, equip, own and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same on any navigable waters, and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the proposed railway and works, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power, and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges and other aids from any government, municipal corporations, or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railway, ferries, wharves and vessels, and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

ROBERT CASSIDY, 32 Langley St., Victoria, B.C., Solicitor for the applicants.

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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of developing and tusning to commercial use the Iron Ore deposits situate upon and near the coast line of the province of British Columbia, and to that end, to construct blast furnaces, rolling mills, roads, tram roads, railroads, docks wharves, houses, buildings, wharves, docks, steam and other ships, hydraulic power plant and works, electric power and electric lighting plant and works, plate-rolling plant, tin-plating plant, and such other plant and appliances for the manufacture of pig iron, steel blooms and billets, tin plates and generally to do all things necessary and conductive to the establishment of iron, steel and tin plate works and manufactories, and for the establishment of a home trade and an export trade, and to acquire lands, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies, and generally to do, acquire, receive and perform all usual and necessary rights, powers privileges and aids for giving full effect to the intentions of the applicant herein before set forth.

Dated at Victoria, the 8th day of December, 1897.

JOHN COBELDICK, Applicant.

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Dated at Victoria, B.C., the 8th day of December, 1897.

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AN ARRANGEMENT EFFECTED.

Yesterday the COLONIST expressed the opinion that a public meeting ought to be called for the purpose of taking action in regard to matters relating to the trade of the Yukon. Such action seemed highly necessary, especially in view of the following article printed in the Post-Intelligencer of Sunday:

The Post-Intelligencer calls attention to the communication in another column, addressed to the Victoria COLONIST, relative to duties collected at Skagway and Dyea by American customs officers on Canadian bought outfits. It gives an exact view of the situation, and, coming from Canadian sources, it is especially pertinent. The bonding privilege granted by the government is of no value, as long as the Washington government insists that each outfit be accompanied through American territory by a customs officer. This is an expensive undertaking, and persons who have made the error of buying in Victoria find it cheaper to pay full duty. The result is that the American duty is imposed on Canadian outfits at Dyea and Skagway and the full Canadian duty on American goods (except 100 pounds) at Lake Tagish. Inasmuch as the original cost of outfits bought in the United States averages much less than outfits bought in Canada, there is but one thing for Klondykers to do, and that is to outfit in Seattle.

We felt that the time had come when some decided action should be taken by the people of Canada to assert their rights in the premises, and are more pleased than we can express to learn that such action is not now necessary, but that arrangements have been made with the Washington government whereby Canadian goods in transit may be carried under a certificate and no charge for an escort will be required. We congratulate Hon. Mr. Sifton upon the result of his negotiations at Washington, and the people of the British Columbia cities upon the removal of a very serious barrier to their trade.

We wish, however, to draw attention to the exquisite meanness of the course which the Post-Intelligencer expected its government to take. It believed that while an engagement would be made to permit the passage of goods in bond, such charges would be imposed that it would be better to pay the duties. To the Seattle paper such a course seemed fully worthy of a great nation. Now that the contrary has been done and the passes are free to Canadians and United States citizens alike upon precisely similar conditions, that is duty must be paid only on United States goods, the effect of the contention made on behalf of Seattle will be the reverse of what was intended. A community that would resort to such a means of securing trade must have a very poor case indeed. The policy of Victoria merchants is to make the news of the arrangements as widely known as possible in order to counteract the representations that have been made as to the cost of getting goods across the strip at the head of Lynn Canal in possession of the United States.

There are now no obstacles in the way of British Columbia merchants pressing for the outfitting trade with all the energy they possess. The Klondyke is in Canada and Canadian merchants can get its business if they move after it in a business-like way.

It is a source of pleasure to be able to recognize a friendly and accommodating spirit on the part of the Washington authorities in this matter. It is in striking contrast to what the Coast newspapers demanded,

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

From a general review of the political situation throughout the province we feel satisfied that not only has opposition sentiment made no progress during the past year, but that in most localities the government's position is stronger than it was a year ago. We are not unmindful of the difficulties attending the conduct of provincial affairs in a manner calculated to retain popularity. We do not lose sight of the fact that in British Columbia there is a numerous new element composed of men who naturally have little political sympathy with those who have been on the ground before them. The latter observation applies as well to the opposition as to the government, but it is an element in the political situation that must be taken into account. We think it can be fairly claimed that, as the new element is becoming more familiar with political conditions here, it is learning to regard the present provincial government with greater favor. There hardly ever was anything just like the campaign waged by the local opposition eighteen months ago. It was made up for the most part of the bitterest personalities, and backed up by assertions of personal dishonesty that would have pictured an appalling state of things, if they had been true. When certain Dominion ministers visited the province in 1896 they were surrounded by a clique of professed friends who devoted what part of the time, they could spare from urging their claims to patronage, to the villification of Hon. Mr. Turner and his colleagues. It is no breach of confidence to say that those ministers were seriously disturbed by the representations made to them; nor do we make public what was intended simply for private communication, when we say that the members of the Dominion cabinet have since then come to entertain a very different opinion on the subject. Our provincial government stands well at Ottawa, now that the ministers there have learned the true character of our provincial ministers and have been brought into touch with their general policy. The same thing is true of the new element above spoken of. The villifications of the opposition have reacted.

Throughout the farming districts there is a growing feeling that the Hon. Mr. Turner and his associates have the welfare of the agricultural interests at heart, and will do their utmost to advance them. For our own part, we are strongly impressed with this view, and know from the personal assurances of the Premier how strongly impressed he is with the necessity of discovering every practicable means of promoting farming, and how high a place he accords it among British Columbia industries. There is no doubt as to the important part farming is to play in this province. The mining regions must be fed, and it will tax British Columbia to the utmost to supply the necessary food. The object of the government ought to be, and we know that under the Hon. Mr. Turner it will be, to make a study of how best the farmers can be assisted to reach the thousands of consumers who will shortly begin to find their way into the province and the Northwest. The COLONIST has, as its readers well know, made a specialty of agitation for the interests of British Columbia agriculture, and on many occasions Mr. Turner has expressed his hearty approval of its course in this respect, and his own desire to co-operate with it along those lines.

From the standpoint of provincial development generally, it can be fairly claimed that the government has gained ground during the past year. It has met the requirements of the several localities promptly and well, so far as the funds at its disposal would permit. It is not the fault of the government that the whole southern portion of the province is not now feeling the impulse of railway construction. The aid granted by the general subsidy bill was ample to secure the construction of the much-needed line through the Boundary country, and only the unfortunate rivalry between two companies desirous of building the line prevented work from being begun. The Cassiar railway plan has been wholly successful and work will soon be under way.

The administration of the mining department has been in the highest degree satisfactory. If there has been any causes for complaint, they have been kept singularly secret, and the public needs hardly to be told that the opposition press would not feel under any obligation to secrecy upon such a point. Indeed, it would have been their duty to have made any grievances on this score as widely known as possible, so that the demand for their rectification might have been general. We say that the highly satisfactory manner in which the important department has been administered has been calculated to make friends for the government in all parts of the province, and, what is more, has done so.

Naturally the department of public works is one that comes very closely home to the people. Its ramifications reach every section of the province. It has to deal with matters upon which every one feels confident to form an opinion for himself. Yet the year has passed and not a single specific expression of disapproval has been heard, except one that was investigated by the legislature at the last session and pronounced groundless. We say that the manner in which the great spending department of the government has been administered, the entire absence of scandals and the general satisfaction given in all parts of the province form the best possible answer to the charges of extravagance, incompetency and even worse that have been spread broadcast over the country, and we claim that this record has already had and will continue to have the effect of making friends for the government.

We speak of the legal department of the government and the management of the finances only because we do not wish to be regarded as avoiding them. We simply invite the keenest criticism of these departments, against which there has not been brought during the year a single charge.

The people at large are beginning to appreciate the facts as above set out, and the consequence is that in every part of the province there is a growing feeling of kindliness towards and confidence in the administration, which sentiments will at the next election find expression in a triumphant vindication of the government's general policy and conduct.

A COAL TAX.

A part of the plan of the local opposition is to impose a tax on coal. They have an idea, or profess to have, that in this way they can compel "the coal barons" to contribute something towards the revenue in addition to what they now pay. So they can. There is a large quantity of coal used in British Columbia and if a sum, however small, could be collected upon each ton it would amount to something very handsome. That is what the Nova Scotia government thought, and the way it worked out is illustrated by the following extract from Westminster, a religious periodical printed in Toronto:

Nova Scotia gets a royalty of 12½ cents on every ton of coal mined by the syndicate referred to. This is a very valuable contribution to our provincial revenue. Other coal companies pay 10 cents royalty per ton. It was the offer of 2½ cents additional royalty that tempted the legislature to surrender to the syndicate. But, mark this, no sooner did the syndicate get possession of our coal fields than the price of every grade of coal was increased double the royalty paid to the treasury. It is the consumer, not the syndicate that pays.

As it worked in Nova Scotia, so it would work in British Columbia. The consumer, not the coal baron, would pay the tax.

THE Toronto Globe devotes upwards of a column of its editorial space to the advocacy of the route from Edmonton to the Yukon. In this the Globe is living up to its recent record, which seems to be to oppose everything that is in the interest of British Columbia, even if in so doing it puts itself in the position of wrongly advising those who look to it for counsel. If nothing will suit the Globe but that people shall travel over a thousand miles or more of land to get to the Yukon, when they can reach the same point in a shorter and far easier way by the Coast routes, why not advocate the Kamloops route? It is infinitely better than that from Edmonton.

SUPERINTENDENT CONSTANTINE settles the matter. He says there are provisions enough at Dawson to last until June 1st on short rations; but that hard times will begin about April 1st. By June 1st supplies will be got in by Teslin lake without any difficulty. Whether it is necessary to attempt to get in goods before that date is a matter for consideration, but we do not think the emergency is one that requires the intervention of a foreign government.

MR. E. E. SHEPPARD, who has been visiting Central and South America in the interest of trade development, writes from Guatemala to say that he will be in Victoria on the 11th instant, and will be accompanied by A. T. Romero, agent of the Peruvian government. They would like to meet Victoria merchants on their visit, and Mr. Sheppard suggests the 12th instant as a good date.

WHILE adhering to its view that no relief is needed at Dawson City, the COLONIST commends the Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation's offer to the U. S. government to carry supplies in via the Stickeen-Teslin route. Goods can be taken in by that route as far as the Hootalinqua river, and probably all the way to the Yukon, on sleds drawn by horses.

A LOS ANGELES correspondent of a city firm writes to complain that most of the Victoria houses only quote lump prices for outfits, instead of giving details, and that in consequence many persons who intended to buy in Victoria are buying elsewhere. We draw the attention of outfitters to this.

JOHN BULL has defined his position in the Oriental matter. Now watch the other nations adjust their ambitions to suit the old gentleman's wishes. John's proposition is this: Get what you can, but what you get I will have also, and so will every other nation that wants it.

IT SEEMS regrettable that at a time when there is so much of promise before Canada, the leading papers of the East are filling their columns day after day with the most paltry party rubbish. The remark applies to the papers on both sides of politics.

THE Toronto Globe continues its opposition to federal aid to railway construction in British Columbia. The Globe these days does not seem able to see any further than the end of its nose and to have a very short nose at that.

LI HUNG CHANG pleads for peace for China. China, he says, needs reform and reform will be impossible without peace, The Chinese statesman is wiser than some of his European contemporaries and infinitely more civilized.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER has stirred some of the Winnipeg people up by advocating the Stickeen-Teslin route to the Yukon. Sir Charles knows what he is talking about.

RUSSIA now wants an alliance with Japan. The lion once wanted an alliance with the lamb. He got it. He likewise got the lamb.

THE Times has very promptly and cordially acknowledged its error in regard to the work done on Mr. Gosnell's Year Book.

Luxuriant hair, of uniform color, is a beautiful head-covering for either sex, and may be secured by using Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

The Ethics of Dancing.—Rector's Wife—You ought to avoid even the appearance of evil. Do you, yourself, think the girls who dance are right? Belle of the Parish—They must be. I know the girls who don't dance are always left.—Harlem Life.

The Kentucky Way.—Colonel Corkright—I understand that Majah Gore is terribly despondent ovuh his failure in business. Colonel Bludsoe—Yes, suh; the majah is so worried ovuh his financial troubles that he has been driven from drink.—Puck.

They Agreed.—"You will agree with me, sir," said the thin passenger with the shiny coat, "that it is wicked to put brandy in mince pies?" "Egad, suh," said the portly passenger with the shining nose, "if it is good brandy it is positively sacrilegious."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Rather curious that both the melon and this beefsteak should be the product of a vine," casually observed Lake Front at breakfast. "Beefsteak from a vine?" growled the dyspeptic. "Yes," was the cheerful reply, "from a bovine."

Merchant—Have you had any experience in chinaware? Applicant—Years of it, sir. Merchant—What do you do when you break a valuable piece? Applicant—Well—er—I usually set it together again and put it where some customer will knock it over. Merchant—You'll do.

An Authority.—Mrs. Porkchops (in Europe)—They say the family used to have hundreds of retainers. Mr. Porkchops—Spent 'em all, did they? Mrs. Porkchops—Spent them? I guess you don't know what a retainer is. Mr. Porkchops—I don't, don't I? I guess I've had as much law business as most folks!

During the revolution a little American privateer once stole upon an English line-of-battle ship in a fog, mistaking her for an East India merchantman, and ordered her to strike. When the seventy-four ran out her guns and threatened to blow her puny assailant out of the water the Yankee skipper stepped to the gangway and, taking off his hat, said politely: "Oh, very well, sir, if you won't surrender, I will."

Victoria Building Society.

The 61st Drawing for an Appropriation in connection with the above Society will be held at Sir William Wallace Society Hall, Broad street, on Saturday, the 8th day of January, 1898, at 8 p.m.

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A. ST G. FLINT, Secretary.

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THE argument in Beaven & Fell v. Richards took up a good part of yesterday, and will be concluded to-day.

A REGULAR quarterly meeting of the law society is to be held next Monday, when the Full court is in session.

MR. W. G. DEACON was yesterday called to the bar in the Supreme court here, and afterwards sworn in before Mr. Justice Walkem.

EX-ALD. WILLIAM HUMPHREY is among the latest candidates for aldermanic honors in the city, while Mr. Willliam Marchant, a former trustee, is an aspirant for a seat at the school board.

The public schools opening on Monday will find us fully prepared to supply school books for young and old. Remember we are selling school books at the Eastern retail price. T. N. Hibben & Co. x

THE wounded Indian woman, whom George Adams is accused of stabbing on Christmas Day was not well enough to appear in the police court yesterday, and in consequence Adams was remanded for another week.

THE report of Chief Deasy, of the fire department, will show that during the year 1897 there were 92 fires with a loss of $14,472, upon which there was $58,000 insurance. The losses paid came to $8,200, while $6,272 of loss was uninsured.

ON the principle that "better late than never" holds true of Christmas trees, the congregation of the Church of the Holy Saviour will hold their Christmas treat this evening at Semple's hall. The programme is to be taken up at 7:30 sharp.

THE new Presbyterian church at Colwood will be opened at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, the 16th instant, when Rev. W. Leslie Clay of St. Andrew's and Rev. Dr. Campbell of the First Presbyterian church are to officiate.

GEORGE BLACKWELL, a native of London, Ont., 62 years of age, died on Sunday night last at the Jubilee hospital, where he has been receiving medical attention during several weeks past. The funeral arrangements are in the hands of the Orange order.

ATTENTION is directed to a notice in another column that Messrs. Stein and Meikle, the auditors of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, have opened an office in this city. The office is under the management of Mr. W. E. Hodges, A.C.A. (London).

On Wednesday at 2 o'clock, W. T. Hardaker will sell without reserve to close consignments, crockery, lamps, etc. Also a quantity of furniture, blankets and stoves. x

WHEN the Frawley Company returns here for its second engagement, theatre goers will notice a change in the composition of the company. Gladys Wallis, who played comedy roles has left as the result of a difference of opinion between herself and Mrs. Frawley, and Blanch Bates the leading lady has gone East, and will probably be starred in New York.

ONE of the chief features at the Natural History Society's meeting last night was the report of the committee appointed to see what part the society should take in view of their invitation to assist at the opening of the new parliament buildings. The society intends to make a special historical, ethnological and natural history display in the new museum wing, and will make it worthy of the occasion. The society listened with pleasure to another of Captain Walbran's series of papers on celebrated navigators. He dealt with Captain Vancouver's voyage from England to the Pacific Coast.

MR. ANTON MELLETT, of Butte, Montana, one of those recently returned from Dawson, is a guest at the Balmoral. He is associated with Mr. D. Carmody of this city, and has been in the Klondyke region for about six months. Mr. Mellett tells an interesting story of the party's trip out. His party paid as high as $500 each for some dogs in Dawson. Prior to leaving that place they sold most of their outfit, which included about a ton of provisions, obtaining $1 a pound. Just before the start, however, the price of provisions had fallen to 50 cents a pound, as a great many people who purchased early in the year, with a view to speculation, let go their stocks when the rush out started. Mr. Mellett, who with his partners holds four claims on Eldorado and Bonanza creeks, intends to go back again in March.

FROM the Victoria public library there were loaned during the month of December 2,197 books, of which 1,082 were issued to ladies and 1,115 to gentlemen. The greatest number of books that was given away on any one day during the month was 122, while the average number issued daily was 84. Forty-six new members have registered, and of these 16 are ladies and 30 are gentlemen. There have been added to the library the following contributions: "Culture of Vegetables and Flowers," by Sutton & Sons, presented by Mrs. Kentfield; "Pomegranates from the Punjaub," by A. L. O. E.; "Melchior's Dream," by Mrs. Erving, presented by Miss Christmas; Sessional Papers B. C.; "Yukon Gold Fields," lecture by W. Ogilvie.

A VERY favorable opinion of the tobacco grown by Mr. J. Collins at Kelowna, has been given by Mr. M. Cohen, who came over yesterday from Seattle expressly to give his expert opinion on the weed. Mr. Cohen, who is a former Victorian, has had an experience of forty years as a tobacco manufacturer, and his opinion after testing Mr. Collins' tobacco is that it is quite as good as the Wisconsin Havana seed tobacco. He finds that the crop of 1896 is better than that of the preceding year in quality and he feels sure that with cultivation the quality will still further improve. Mr. Cohen considers that this British Columbia grown tobacco will develop into a very profitable industry and that the Okanagan valley is very suitable for its production as judging from the leaf Mr. Collins shows.

WILL BEGIN THIS WEEK

Work on Three Stickeen River Steamers Is to Start in Victoria at Once.

The Maitland-Kersey Syndicate's Operations in the North—Personnel of the Company.

Prospuctive gold-seekers in the frozen North who intend going in by the Stickeen route will be able to go through in comfort and with speed early this spring.

Mr. F. M. Yorke, who arrived from the East on Sunday, completed the final arrangements for the building of boats, etc., of the Maitland-Kersey Syndicate, and last evening stated that they would be selling tickets for the boat trips as early as March 1.

The Maitland-Kersey syndicate was formed recently, with a view to getting a short cut to Klondyke by the Stickeen-Teslin route. Mr. Kersey, the head of the syndicate, is the manager of the White Star Atlantic Steamship Company, and had charge of Lord Dunraven's yacht when it was on the Atlantic seaboard. Mr. Kersey will arrive in Victoria about the 31st of January and will immediately open offices here, this city being the headquarters of the company.

Clarence Mackay, son of the California millionaire, is also interested in the syndicate, while still another prominent shareholder is Lord Dunraven.

Under the supervision of Mr. Yorke the construction of three new stern wheel steamers to ply on the Stickeen river will be commenced this week. The boats will be heavy cargo and passenger carriers, the demensions of all being 146 feet long by 33 feet by four feet six inches deep. The order for the boilers of these steamers has been given and they will be built in Fletcher's yard, Hoboken, under the specifications of Mr. Yarrow, the big torpedo boat builder, of London, Eng., whom Mr. Yorke met in Washington while he was east. The boats, which will probably be built in the Star shipyard in Victoria, will be running by May 1 on the Stickeen. The James Dunsmuir, the name of the new steamer which the company has now almost completed on Teslin lake, will also be running in May.

The route over which the syndicate will operate has already been fully described in the COLONIST, and beginning as it does at Wrangel, following the Stickeen up to Telegraph creek, or Glenora, where a good wagon road lying 150 miles northward to the head of Lake Teslin is traversed. Then the chain of lakes and rivers to the Yukon are followed up. Stages will be running over the land part of the route early in May, and it is stated that a railroad will be in operation by the middle of next summer.

In letters received by the syndicate here from Mr. C. E. Macdonald, superintendent of the work on the roadway at Ka Ketza, near Telegraph, it is learned that the gold hunters are turning in to help in the work of building the road, and Mr. McDonald expected to eat his Christmas dinner at Teslin lake. One of the Kersey-Maitland expedition in the north, writing to Mr. Yorke from Ka Ketza, says:

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Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this thirteenth day of December 1897.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

de31 ... JAMES BAKER

... blowing from ... blows the snow off the lakes up the swamps between solid, so a man can make a ... over the tops of the bushes. ... turned out to cut a road up to ... Creek. We followed the creek ... when about four miles from ... of keeping to the high hard

S. A... The New... and...

... to the Kersey-Maitland syndicate ... interesting article in the St. ... Press says: "L. Z. Leiter ... gold as well as wheat, a scale that promises in the shade previous ... in the gold hunting field. It ... his individual investments ... qual those which have stood operations in the cereal, but ... of which he is a member ... its command practically unlimited capital, and he made no secret that its operations will be on an extensive scale. With ... are associated the Canadian ... road, John W. Mackay, Ogden ... the Duke of Teck. Mr. Leiter admits this and adds that there are others also interested in the matter, some of whom are in high standing and of great influence in England.

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"Mr. Leiter says: 'The details of the planned operations have been left entirely to Mr. Kersey, in whose business judgment and knowledge of the properties I and the others have the greatest confidence. Mr. Kersey is about to leave for Europe, I believe for the purpose of completing some business arrangements in connection with pushing his plans, and upon his return will proceed to carry them into effect with as little delay as possible. As to the amount of money to be expended, I cannot say as to that, nor as to how much I will put into the venture. However, I think there will be no scarcity of funds for carrying out whatever projects Kersey may consider advisable.'"

THE steamship Walla Walla arrived from San Francisco at 9 o'clock last evening after a good run from the Golden Gate. She brought 180 tons of merchandise consigned to Victoria merchants.

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the past, by which British ... may be found incident ... become a model among nations for the effective administration of the laws in her new and remote centres of population, the provincial police have decided upon the immediate establishment of a station at Bennett Lake, with the experienced headquarter officer, Mr. McKenna, in charge of affairs. It is at this point that Captain Rant, the new gold commissioner and magistrate, will have his headquarters, and the administration of justice, both civil and criminal, may be expected to proceed with becoming smoothness when directed by two so capable and efficient officers.

... presence felt on the ... Every miner requires to take about a thousand pounds weight of supplies, and the only way to transport them at present is to carry them on his back. The method in vogue is to carry about 200 pounds for five miles, and hide it from wild animals, and then go back for another load. This slow, tedious way will be superseded by a new bicycle, which is specially designed to carry freight. It is in reality a four-wheeled vehicle and bicycle combined. It is very strong and weighs about 50 pounds. The tires are of solid rubber, 1½ inches in diameter. The frame is wound with raw-hide, shrunk on, to enable the rider to handle it with comfort in low temperatures. From each side of the top bar a steel arm projects, each carrying a small wheel about 14 inches in diameter, which, when not in use, can be folded up under the frame. Devices for packing large quantities of material are attached to the handle-bars and rear forks, and the machine will carry 500 pounds. The plan is to load it with half the miner's equipment and drag it on four wheels ten miles or so. Then the rider will fold up the side wheels, ride it back as a bicycle, shoving on the rest of the load."

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Those who witnessed the opening of the Victoria engagement last evening will agree that Mr. Grau in his modesty—rare jewel—has again understated rather than exaggerated the merit of his company; for the presentation of "The Mascot Up To Date" thoroughly pleased the large audience witnessing it—as it could hardly help doing.

Musically the "Mascot" is not especially strong, although it contains several decidedly tuneful choruses in addition to the gobble song that has made it famous. It contains however, a world of comedy possibilities—and comedians are a factor in which the Grau organization this year is exceptionally strong.

First there is Stanley Fleche, a newcomer in the ranks so far as Victoria is concerned, who as "Lorenzo, Prince of Pinubino," contains sixteen ounces of condensed jokes and unadulterated fun to every pound of his live weight. He is an easy fun-maker and certain to be a popular one; although it was his introduction to Victorians he did not allow anyone to class him as a stranger for more than a minute.

Mr. Gilbert Clayton's finished comedy acting is well known and has not deteriorated since his last appearance here, while in "Rocco" he has a role suiting him thoroughly and well. Another old friend and fun-provider, Mr. Robert Lett, appeared last evening as "The Doctor" but to renew old acquaintances, and will be seen in larger work more suited to his power during the remainder of the engagement.

The tenor this year is still another old friend, first heard here with Emma Abbott and later with Juch, Mr. Martin Pache. He is both an actor and a singer. The beauties of his voice will be generally admitted to-night, when in "Martha" he has a most congenial part. The baritone, Mr. Sylvia Langlois, was not heard at all last night, and the bass, Mr. Fox, gave but a glimpse of the power and quality of his voice, which is really excellent, another strong singing member of the company being Mr. C. O. Wallace, appearing yesterday evening in the humble person of the "Innkeeper."

Of the ladies, Miss Eloise Mortimer proves an agreeable Bettina, with a singing voice at once sympathetic, strong and well disciplined. She is moreover a dainty actress and will unquestionably win warm regard for herself during her temporary residence here. Like Miss Johnson and poor Alice Carle of last year's Grau company, she introduces a specialty song very cleverly—singing a neat bit of catchy coon lullaby, and doing it tastefully and well.

Miss Meyers and Miss Carrington are the principal support among the ladies of the ... management has a boy tenor with a voice that it is a treat to listen to. Victorians will be glad to know that he is to be heart to-night in a part requiring him to be before the footlights for some time.

A third agreeable specialty last evening was the dancing of the Misses Ward and Moeller, while the finish and completeness of the performance was assured by a capable chorus and a well drilled orchestra under the direction of Mr. William Machette.

To-night the company will be seen in its full strength in "Martha," and in order that the meaning of this "full strength" may be understood, as well as to give Victorians an opportunity to know who of their old friends are still with the Messrs. Grau, the complete list of ladies and gentlemen is here presented:

Mr. Jules Grau, Messrs. Martin Pache, Sylvian Langlois, Stanley Fleche, Robert Lett, Gilbert Clayton, Maurice Whish, Charles Wallace, Franklin Fox, Charles Van Dyne, Frank Woodman, Charles Carver, Eugene Avery, Herman Brand, and Matt. Grau, manager.

Misses Eloise Mortimer, Fanny Meyers, Mary Carrington, Carrie Ward, Mollie Loeller, Grace Hall, Helen Bagot, Josie Kirkwood, Lottie Thomas, Bertie Dare, Millie Gilmore, Cora Isham, Jennie Goodrich, Minnie Musony, Annie Pincus, Ada Hughes and Little Harvey.

Musical director, Mr. William Machette; and members of orchestra: George Bogat, Henry Pomery, Gus. Sontag and A. Laghenwell.

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TWO BAD BOYS.

The Police Overhaul the Supposed Perpetrators of Many Thefts.

James McIntosh, an old offender with the police, although yet a boy of probably fifteen, and another youth of about the same age named Chas. Ferris, were arrested shortly after 12 o'clock last night under suspicion of being connected with numerous petty robberies occurring lately at the London hotel. These thefts have been reported periodically to the police for some time, the articles taken including pocketbooks containing sums of money ranging from $1.50 to $17. The boys referred to have done small chores about the hotel, running errands at times for roomers and ostensibly made their living in that way. They were not on hand when a robbery was reported last night, and this fact gave the police, who up to this time were unaware that they stayed at the house, a pointer to work on. Officers Perdue and Palmer immediately instructed a search for the boys and soon espied McIntosh on Johnson street. The boy at once gave himself away by making a dash to get out of the officers' sight, but Mr. Perdue, after a four-block run, proved too good a sprinter. McIntosh was taken to his lodgings at the Empire hotel, where Ferris was found in bed. A search of the boys' clothing at the police station revealed much stolen property, and the lads on being questioned admitted having committed the thefts and also having found a purse containing $12 on Government street last week. They threw away the purse and spent the money, they said. Among the stolen articles found on them were four mouth organs, two knives and a pocket book, which they took from different stores in the city.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

SWORDSMANSHIP.

WITH MR. ELLIOTT'S COMPLIMENTS.

To THE SPORTING EDITOR:—Having noticed in yesterday's paper that Mr. Ivan de Malchin states that I have been spreading a report in the town to the effect that I would knock him off his horse owing to my weight, I beg to say that I have made no such statement; but I think he is a little premature in his remarks—for he will not get a chance to treat me leniently. I might mention that when in Afghanistan I have skewered and trussed up half a dozen men of his calibre before breakfast, and thought nothing of it. So, perhaps, it would be better for Mr. de Malchin if he kept quiet till the encounter is over, when the chances are that he will have changed his mind. F. ELLIOTT, Late R.H.A.

NEVER MET BEFORE.

To THE SPORTING EDITOR:—It has come to my ears that some people state that I have met Sergeant-Major Elliott before in a contest, I must deny this report; that pleasure is still in store for me. As I learn, Sergeant-Major Elliott has been in Victoria for the last eighteen months, and I have been travelling all through the States for the last twelve months. IVAN DE MALCHIN.

BASKET BALL.

WASPS AGAIN.

That basket ball is the game was clearly shown by last night's game between the Swifts and the Wasps at the Y.M.C.A. hall. The ball was started shortly after 8 and from the toss-up it was plain that the game was to be an even one. The Wasps were the first to score. After about 15 minutes play they were given a free shot and Marchant put the ball into the basket; but shortly after Pat Smith with a splendid shot from centre field put the Swifts one point ahead, the score at half time being 2 to 1 in their favor, the goal scored from the free shot counting one point only. In the second half the play became closer, but the penalty throws kept down the rough play a great deal. Humber added another point to the Wasps' score, making it even. Then the Wasps' combination told and Noot scored from the field. Then the Swifts got a free throw, and Wriglesworth scored, the score being 3 to 4. Shortly before time Humber again scored from a free throw, and the Wasps won, the score being 5 points to 3 in their favor. The attendance was very good, the hall being packed, and the audience showed full appreciation of what was undoubtedly a good game. The Wasps now lead in the league, having three games won and none lost, equalling 6 points. The Swifts and J.B.A.A. have each won a game and lost one, thus having 2 points each.

SEATTLE chess men are anxious to measure their skill against the Victoria players and an invitation has been extended to Mr. Piper, Victoria's champion, to visit the city over the Sound as the guest of the Seattle Chess Club. Seattle has some very strong players, such as Messrs. Dickey, Jackson, Paterson, Bagley, Griffith, Davies and Rabson. Messrs. Dickey and Jackson have had the advantage of recent practice with Steinitz, Lasker, Pillsbury, Jackson and Showalter, and can hold their own at odds of pawn and move—the smallest odds the board affords—with these great masters. Mr. Dickey can play blindfold five games simultaneously and has defeated the strongest player in San Francisco. An effort is being made to organize a chess team here to visit Seattle and give battle, the Victoria players being probably Messrs. Piper, Chapman, B. Williams, Peter and Conrad Schwengers, and W. Marchant.

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Well, here we are down on the ice, and the dogs impatient to start. Let me describe. The sled consists of a narrow box four feet long, the front half being covered or boxed in, mounted on a floor eight feet long resting on runners. In this box the passenger sits, wrapped in rabbit skins so that he can hardly move, his head and shoulders only projecting. In front and behind and on top of the box is placed all the luggage, covered with canvas and securely lashed to withstand all the jolting and possible upsets, and our snowshoes are within easy reach.

An important item is the dog whip, terrible to the dog if used by a skillful hand and terrible to the user if he be a novice, for he is sure to half strangle himself or to hurt his own face with the business end of the lash. The whip I measured had a handle 9 inches long and lash 30 feet and weighed 4 pounds. The lash was of folded and plaited seal hide and for 5 feet from the handle measured 5 inches round; then for 14 feet it gradually tapered off, ending in a single thong half an inch thick and 11 feet long. Wonderful the dexterity with which a driver can pick out a dog and almost a spot on a dog, with this lash! The lash must be trailing at full length behind, when a jerk and turn of the wrist cause it to fly forward, the thick part first and the tapering end continuing the motion till it is at full length in front, and the lash making the fur fly from the victim. But often it is made to crack over the heads of the dogs as a warning.

The 11 dogs were harnessed to the front of the sled, each by a separate thong of seal hide, all of different lengths, fastened to a light canvas harness. The nearest dog was about 15 feet from the sled and the leader, with bells on her, about 50 feet, the thongs thus increasing in length by about 3 feet. When the thong is good, the dogs spread out like the fingers of a hand, but when the snow is deep they fall into each other's tracks in almost single file. As they continually cross and recross each other, the thongs get gradually plaited almost up to the rearmost dog, when a halt is called, the dogs are made to lie down, and the driver carefully disentangles them, taking care that no dog gets away meanwhile. They are guided by the voice, using "Husky"—that is, Eskimo—words: "Owk," go to the right; "Arrah," to the left, and "Hoit," straight on. But often one of the men must run ahead on snowshoes for the dogs to follow him.—London (Ont.) Times.

Christianity, Buddhism and Nirvana.

Buddhism and Christianity are at one in that they perceive our life here is but for a moment and if rightly lived it must be lived in view of an eternal life or a life hereafter. Life does not cease with our departure. It continues still beyond, and that life beyond will be shaped by the life here. Indeed, no discrimination can be made on grounds of time. A fall from a horse, contact with a fever germ—these things cannot change the nature of eternal life. So the Buddha teaches, so Jesus teaches. Eternal life is something here and now, if it ever is to be. Both teachers insist on this. Yet, once more, there is here a strange difference of emphasis, for that which is promised in Buddhism is that in proportion as we are righteous here so shall existence hereafter be shortened; whereas in Christianity it is promised that in proportion as we are righteous here we may be assured of an immortal life hereafter.

In Buddhism desire is regarded as the evil thing and as that which produces existence. When a man is filled with desire up to the moment of death, thereafter that self asserting desire goes on. He is reborn and given further opportunity. He may still maintain a degree of self assertion and be born over and over again. This is the immortality of Buddhism. But if he succeeds in altogether suppressing desire, if he can entirely obliterate personality, then he has attained to Nirvana here and hereafter.—Outlook.

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	Daily	Sat'day
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	A.M. 9:00	P.M. 3:00
Ar. Nanaimo	12:15	6 11
Ar. Wellington	12:40	6 30

GOING SOUTH—READ UP.

	Daily	Sat'day
Ar. Victoria	A.M. 12:07	P.M. 7:00
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:51	8:43
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8:30	3:30

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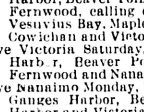

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Municipal Notice.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City, on Monday the 10th day of January, 1898, from 12 (noon) to 2 P. M. for the purpose of electing four persons as members of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District.

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the returning officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 13th day of January, 1898, in the Court-room at the City Hall, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor will be entitled to cast his vote for four (4) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for any such candidate of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 30th day of December, 1897.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Returning Officer.

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Municipal Notice.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, 1898

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City, on Monday the 10th day of January, 1898, from 12 (noon) to 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor or Aldermen.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be Nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the Nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 13th day of January, 1898, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in manner following:

For the office of Mayor, in the Court Room in the City Hall, aforesaid.

For the office of Alderman for the North Ward, at Room 11 of the ... Market Building, Cormorant street. ... now ...

For the office of Alderman for the Central Ward, at the building known as No. 58, Vernon Block, Douglas street.

For the office of Alderman for the South Ward, at No. 27 Government street (East Side), of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British Subjects, of the full age of Twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria, of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of One Thousand Dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or change, and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal voters.

The Persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Alderman of the City of Victoria, shall be such persons as are male British Subjects, of the full age of Twenty-one years, and not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the land Registry Office of Land or real property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of Five Hundred Dollars or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal voters

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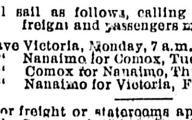

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TIME TABLE NO. 32.

Takes effect January 4th, 1898.

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Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday, at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

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LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 23 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.

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For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at 7 o'clock.

LEAVE NEW WESTMINSTER for Victoria—Monday at 13:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock

For Plumper Pass—Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

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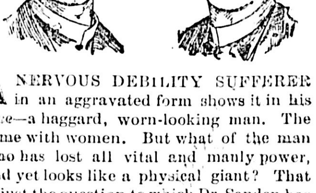

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The head office of the Company is situate at 23 Leadenhall Street, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £250,000, divided into 250,000 shares of £1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at No. 30 Broad Street, Victoria, and Caldwell Ashworth, gentleman and free miner, of same address, is the attorney for the Company.

The objects for which the Company has been established are—

(*a*) To acquire in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere by purchase, lease, concession, exchange or otherwise, mining property, claims, water rights, and also including lands, mines, mining rights and claims, minerals, ores, mills, stamps, smelting and other works for treating ores and minerals and rendering them marketable metals, including also all kinds of building, machinery and plant useful or supposed to be useful in mining, milling, treating or reducing ores or minerals, and any concessions, grants, decrees, claims, rights or privileges whatsoever which may seem to the Company capable of being turned to account, and to work, develop, carry out, exercise and turn to account the same, and to dispose of any such concessions, grants, decrees, claims, or privileges.

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(*g*) To sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the property of the Company.

(*h*) To prospect, explore, and develop the resources of the said lands and hereditaments by building, planting, clearing, mining, and otherwise dealing with the same, and to stock the same or other lands, to cut and to sell timber, and generally to mine and carry on all sorts of mining operations in the Dominion of Canada, or any other part of the globe.

(*i*) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, settle, improve, colonize, farm, and cultivate lands and hereditaments in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere.

(*j*) To stock the same or other lands, and to breed and deal in all kinds of stock, cattle, sheep and produce.

(*k*) To work and carry on all or any mines, works and properties from time to time in possession of the said Company in such manner as the directors for the time being may determine; to erect all necessary mills and machinery, and appliances, smelting works, laboratories, workshops, dwelling houses and other buildings; construct, maintain, and alter canals, railways, watercourses, tramways, telegraph lines, or any other lines or system of communication whether by telegram, telephone, phonograph, phonophone, or otherwise, by electricity or by pneumatic force or otherwise, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, gas and water works, drainage works, irrigation works, wharves, piers, and other works of every nature and description, purchase, rent, hire, or charter wagons, steam or sailing ships, to enter into and carry out such contracts and arrangements as may be deemed necessary and desirable to enable the Company to carry on its business and for the general conduct and management of its affairs and the doing of all such other things as may be found incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, whether in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or elsewhere.

(*l*) To buy, sell, manufacture and deal in all kinds of goods, stores, implements, provisions, chattels and effects capable of being used or required by the Company or its workmen, or by any other persons who may settle on the property of the Company, or by others, and for that purpose to carry on the business of a general shopkeeper or merchant.

(*m*) To purchase, build, charter, equip, load (either on commission or otherwise), sell, repair, let out to hire and trade with steam or other ships, boats and vessels of all kinds. To carry on the business of carriers by land and water.

(*n*) To acquire by grant, purchase or otherwise, concessions of any property or privileges from any government, British, Colonial or foreign, and to perform and fulfil the terms and conditions.

(*o*) To obtain any act of Parliament or law or order of any Colonial or foreign legislature or government for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect.

(*p*) To promote, form and register other Companies, in England or in any Colony, dependency, foreign country, state or territory, for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property and liabilities of this Company, or for all or any of the objects mentioned in this Memorandum, or for advancing directly or indirectly the objects or interests thereof, and to take or otherwise acquire and to underwrite and hold shares, debentures or other securities in or of any such company, and to guarantee the payment of any debentures or other securities issued by any such company.

(*q*) To take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, debentures, bonds, or other securities of or in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company.

(*r*) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, or co-operation with any person or company carrying on or about to carry on any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, and to take or otherwise acquire and hold shares or stock in any such Company. To aid in the establishment and support of associations for the benefit of persons employed by or having dealings with the Company, and in particular friendly societies.

(*s*) To carry on all kinds of financial or banking business, and in particular to negotiate loans and advances, to offer for subscription, place, buy, deal in, make merchantable, sell and dispose of ores, minerals, goods, bullion, specie, and valuables of all kinds, and merchandise generally in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain, or elsewhere, and to receive money on deposit, and to collect revenue of all kinds.

(*t*) To sell the undertaking of the Company or any part thereof for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company. To distribute any of the property of the Company among the members in specie, but so that no distribution amounting to a reduction of capital be made without the sanction of the Court, where necessary. To amalgamate with any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company. To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any person or company carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of this Company.

(*u*) To make, accept, endorse and execute, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments. To lend money, and in particular to persons having dealing with the Company. To raise money in such manner as the Company shall think fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures charged upon all or any of the Company's property (both present and future) including its uncalled capital or any specified portion thereof. To guarantee the performance of contracts by members of, or persons having dealings with the Company.

(*v*) To acquire patent rights and privileges in the United Kingdom or any other country or colony or state for any purposes deemed to be useful for the Company, and to resell the same or turn the same to account by manufacturing thereunder, granting licenses or otherwise.

(*w*) To lend money to any company, partnership, person, or association upon security of their or his undertaking, property, estate, assets, and effects, or any part thereof, upon such terms as may be deemed expedient, and to take such security either in the shape of mortgages, mortgage debentures, or in any other form, or to lend money in Canada or Great Britain or elsewhere with or without security. To make donations to such persons and in such cases as may seem expedient, and to subscribe for any purposes, whether charitable or benevolent, or for any public, general, or useful object.

(*x*) To pay the costs, charges, and expenses of, or in connection with the formation and incorporation of the Company, and to remunerate any person or persons for services rendered or to be rendered to the Company, either in cash or in shares of the Company, either wholly or partly paid up.

(*y*) To establish and maintain agencies of this Company in any colony or foreign state, and to procure the Company to be registered or incorporated in any colony or foreign state.

(*z*) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, either alone or in partnership or in conjunction with any person or other association, and either as principals or agents, and including a power to pay brokerage or commission for services rendered in obtaining or guaranteeing or underwriting capital for the Company or otherwise.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this eleventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
de11 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

No. 11-'97.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

"Star Exploring and Mining Company."

Registered the 13th day of December, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Star Exploring and Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897."

The head office of the Company is situated in the City of Terre Haute, State of Indiana, U.S.A.

The amount of the capital of the Company is $55,000, divided into shares of the par value of $1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate in Victoria, and E. E. Wootton, Barrister and Solicitor whose address is the same, is the attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years.

The objects for which the Company has been established and registered are: Mining, leasing buying or selling mineral lands or mining properties, buying or selling mineral ores or mining materials, and the working and operating of mines and the reducing or smelting of ores, and the doing of all that may be necessary to carry on a mining business.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this thirteenth day of December 1897.

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COLLEGE PRESIDENT SHOT.

Head of an Institution for Colored Folk Meets Death While Going to Prayers.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 3.—News has just been received from the Alcorn agricultural and medical college for colored people near Rodney, Miss., that the precident of the college, E. Triplett, was shot and fatally wounded last afternoon at six o'clock as he was on his way to attend prayer meeting. There is no clue to the assassin.

L.S.] THOS. R. McINNES.

CANADA.
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

A. G. Smith Deputy Attorney-General.

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Thursday, the tenth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable THOMAS R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this 30th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven and in the sixty-fifth year of Our Reign.

By command,
JAMES BAKER,
de31 Provincial Secretary.

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NOTICE.

ASSESSMENT ACT.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision and Appeal will sit as follows:—

For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City:—At 51 Langley street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday the 10th and Tuesday 11th days of January, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the Electoral District of South Victoria:—At the Royal Oak, on Friday, the 7th day of January, 1898, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., and at John Camp's, South Saanich, on Wednesday, the 12th day of January, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon.

For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich:—On Saturday the 8th day of January, 1898, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt:—On Friday, the 31st day of December, 1897, at Henry Price's, Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Electoral Districts of Comox ann Cassiar, known as the Coast, Rupert, Sayward and Quatsino Land Districts:—At 51 Langley street, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 28th day of December, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Cowichan-Alberni Electoral District known as Barclay and Clayoquot Land Districts;—At 51 Langley street, Victoria, on Wednesday, the 29th day of December, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Dated at Victoria, this 6th day of Dec. 1897.
S. PERRY MILLS.
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

One Vineyard In Two States.

Out at the end of the Mellier place electric line is a vineyard so large that if one stand in the middle of it, unless, indeed, he choose a knoll, he can see nothing but grapevines in every direction. It is the property of Peter Muehlebach, who, over 40 years ago, broke the wild ground and planted the young vines. The Kansas and Missouri state line bisects the domain, and it is said that the vintage of the prohibition commonwealth possesses a flavor at once piquant, delicate and suspiciously like that of Amontillado stolen from the cellars of the rich.

The story is told of a Kansas City physician who called upon the vintner with a view to engaging summer board for a patient in poor health, who, it was thought, would be benefited by the country air and pure native wines. The doctor was very fastidious in his demands in behalf of his patient. He must have only the purest wines. They must be wines of the highest grade.

Then with the air of a connoisseur he desired to know of what varieties of grapes the old German's wines were made and in what manner they were mixed. This was too much for the patience of the vintner, whose pride in the quality of his product is such that to question its excellence is almost to insult him. Taking the doctor by the arm he guided him to the middle of the road, pointed to the west and said:

"You see those grapevines there?"

"Yes," replied the doctor.

"Well, that is Kansas."

He then turned the doctor right about face and repeated, "You see those grapevines there?"

"Yes."

"Well, that is Missouri. Now, I take from Kansas those grapes and from Missouri those grapes and put them in the same press. That is how I mix my wines, and they satisfy the gods if they don't the doctors."—Kansas City Journal.

Dining Out.

Max Muller, the distinguished philologist and oriental scholar, has recently given expression to his views in relation to dining out. He claims that this function is a torture and survival of the dark ages; that more and better people have fallen victims to dinners than have perished through accidents. The æsthetic craze, so much in vogue at one time, he hoped would put an end to or modify these "social gobblings." It is his opinion that there is no more "unbeautiful" sight than to see a number of people, old and young, with or without teeth, filling their mouths with mutton or beef, "chewing, denticating and masticating their morsels" and washing them down with wine or water. Max Muller thinks that the process can be accomplished in an inoffensive and dainty manner, but evidently it has not come within the field of his experience. He lauds the manner of eating of eastern women, who know how to throw small portions of food into their mouths with their fingers. This performance is described with rapture by eastern poets, consequently it meets with Mr. Muller's entire approval. Nevertheless, to adapt it to our civilization would add a hundredfold to the horrors of our dinner tables. The imagination shrinks at the thought of such a custom becoming universal with the Chicago 4,000. Mr. Muller offers the example of the Hindocs as one to be followed. They retire while they feed and only reappear after they have washed their hands and face. "Why," he asks, "should we be so anxious to perform this no doubt necessary function (of dining) before the eyes of our friends? Could not the grosser part of feeding be performed in private and the social gathering begin at the dessert, or, with men, at the wine?"

Lunar Atmosphere.

As to the question of a lunar atmosphere, the eminent astronomers in charge of the Paris observatory, MM. Loewy and Pusieux, appear to hold a somewhat different opinion from that commonly entertained by scientists. Admitting that so far as the solution of any problems brought to their notice is concerned the determination as to whether there is a very little or none at all is not really necessary, there are evidences, they conclude, that it must be very rare, not more than one-nine-hundredth of the density of our own, the reasons why this must be so being as follows—namely, when the moon detached itself from the equatorial regions of the earth it must have taken with it as a portion of its materials some of the material chemical elements of the earth, or at least those lighter ones that lay near the surface at the time, it being probable, however, that our planet retained the greater proportion of the gaseous envelope. Such being the case, the weaker provision of free gases fell to the moon, and this quantity would naturally diminish as the moon material began to solidify—the water would enter into stable combinations with the elements of the soil, and without doubt such minerals as gypsum and lime would be formed, which imprison the water within solid salts that are little affected by the play of natural forces. Reasoning similarly, MM. Loewy and Pusieux declare that what is true of water is true also of the air.

Fort Ancient.

Fort Ancient, which is picturesquely situated on the high bluffs overlooking the valley of the Little Miami river, near Lebanon, Warren county, is believed to be the largest, best preserved and most interesting work of the mound builders. It has been visited and studied by leading archæologists of Europe and America, and models of it are now on exhibition in the museums of London, Paris and Berlin.

The fort, which covers about 100 acres and 187 acres outside of the walls, is now the property of the state, part having been purchased in 1890 and the remainder in 1896.—Dayton Journal.

PROTEST FROM YUKON.

Injustice of the New Regulations Set Forth in Detail by Klondyke Miners.

The Dominion Government Petitioned Not to Add to the Huge Difficulties Now Existing.

As a result of the largest mass meeting ever held on the upper Yukon, a committee of ten leading residents of Dawson has been chosen—as previously announced in the COLONIST—for the purpose of proceeding to Ottawa and there urging modifications in the mining regulations. This deputation will carry with them to the Canadian capital the following petition:

DAWSON CITY, N.W.T.,
November 25, 1897.

To His Excellency the Governor-General in Council:

Whereas the government has so amended the mining regulations governing the placers of the Yukon district of the Northwest territories that a heavy royalty is imposed, based on the gross output of the gold fields, and that "creek" and "river" claims are limited in length to 100 feet each, rather than 500 feet as heretofore, and that every alternate claim is reserved from location; now

Therefore, we, the undersigned miners of the Yukon district, do respectfully petition as follows:

Believing that the government has been misinformed as to the Yukon placers, and having profound faith in the justice of the representatives of the crown and people, we represent as true these propositions:

First — Grossly exaggerated reports have been published in the newspapers of both the Dominion and the United States concerning the wealth of the Klondyke and other leading divisions of the Yukon district. The men of this district, who have gone hence to the centres of population in this country and the United States are quoted by the press as authorities for assertions either wholly false or grievously misleading. The impression has been given, apparently, that enormously rich claims are the rule, and that gold may be mined with profit even now almost anywhere in the region about the village of Dawson. That impression is not justified.

Second—Of the 3,000 claims thus far recorded in this district not more than two-score have been demonstrated to be remarkably rich. The others are either moderately rich, ruling conditions considered, or practically unknown quantities—most of them the latter. The indications are favorable for fair profit from a considerable percentage of these others if no royalty be imposed. But there is no certainty that a substantial number of the claims would be profitable if heavily taxed. Indeed, it is probable that many of them would not be worth working at all.

Third—The wage rates are high and supplies are costly. Ordinary unskilled labor commands $1 to $1.50 an hour; flour costs $12 to $25 a hundred weight; bacon costs 50 cents to $1.50 a pound; fresh beef costs 80 cents to $1 50 a pound; good grade blankets cost $25 apiece, and other supplies are proportionately expensive. It is difficult, and at times impossible, to buy supplies at all, and along the Yukon famine conditions threaten every winter, and shortage is the rule. These conditions are, of course, temporary; but so great are the difficulties with which men are beset who cope with this desolate region that it is unreasonable to expect any substantial modifications as to wages or supplies until claim-holders have gone far toward leaving the proved stream valleys a mass of worthless tailings. In consequence of the costliness of labor and supplies, not many of the mines in this district, even in the valleys of the Bonanza and its tributaries, yield much beyond expenses at present, and many that have been well prospected are not rich enough to justify the claim-holders to employ miners to assist in working them. In many cases, accordingly, a royalty of 10 to 20 per cent. of the output would be a medium of confiscation.

Fourth—Mining is seriously hindered and its costliness materially increased by severe climatic conditions. From very near the earth's surface to the greatest depth yet reached, everything is frozen throughout the year, the temperature from early October to June ranging between the freezing point and seventy degrees below zero. During this cold season drift mining is carried on, and it is necessary to thaw the frozen ground by means of banked fires before the pick and shovel can be used; and before sluicing can be done in the spring the gravel mined in the winter must be thawed by the sun's heat. From June to October, when open pits may be worked, the sun must be given time to thaw exposed gravel, and frequently fires must be brought to bear to unfetter ice-bound masses.

Fifth—There are no roads in all this district, nor are there, so far as we know, any steps in progress to establish means of transport. Never were men more handicapped in moving to and from mines than are we of the Yukon. During the cold season we are obliged to pay 10 to 15 cents a pound for transporting supplies a distance of fifteen miles; during the warm season, 30 cents. For longer distances the charge is even greater, proportionately.

Sixth—This a land of tremendous solitude and marvelous wildness. It appears to be a land of immense promise for the prospector, but the appearance may be deceptive. There is practically nothing known of it beyond a radius of fifty miles from Dawson, and not much beyond a radius of twenty miles. It is outside the range of language to picture the trials that encompass the explorer who goes forth with pick, shovel and goldpan to search for gold. Only strong men are equal to the task, and only men of great courage and perseverance can press far. If the government place a heavy hand on the prospectors, already almost frenzied with toil and privation, prospecting in this district will be abandoned by the majority and prospectors will turn toward other gold fields. This is not a threat; it is a condition. Disheartened by the regulations complained of, many who are here are already planning to leave Canadian territory.

Seventh—To limit "creek" and "river" claims to 100 feet in length is to discourage prospecting, and to reserve every alternate claim from location must have a similar effect and also discourage the investment of capital for development of the mineral resources of this district, and this because:

"(a) The pay streak is so narrow on some claims in which we have familiarity, so deeply buried under frozen peat in nearly all, and so broken in most, that the average hundred-foot claim would not justify the expenditure of energy and money required to gain and work it under the conditions peculiar to this latitude and these times of costly food, high wage rates and absence of machinery, even were the government to desist as to heavy royalty.

"(b) The fall of the water wherewith sluicing must be done is so slight that it is not adequate for the proper working of a claim 500 feet in length, and it is not uncommon for a claim-holder to be obliged to obtain from his neighbors concessions as to water rights. Considering the cemented state of the pay dirt, it is a contradiction of elementary principles of mining to limit claims to 100 feet.

"(c) Should the government fail to co-operate with the claimholder the latter, having only 100 feet, and that between government claims, would be an affliction in that miner-like provision could not be made for the most profitable working of the central claim. For example, dams could not be made effective without trespassing on the government claims by the backing of water, nor could sufficient lengths of sluice boxes be laid. Miners, moreover, could not co-operate for the joint working of consecutive claims, as at present.

"(d) Should the government, on the other hand, sell at auction the claims bounding the claim located it might well be that a miner whose prospecting had given market value to these adjoining claims would be crowded by capital; for, whereas, with every claim open to entry at nominal charge the successful prospector has an equal chance of avoiding the dangers that hang about favoritism to capital, for human affairs are so constituted that despite the will of the government, capital must have an advantage over the average prospector in any competition for the purchase of leases where the government designs to make the sales yield substantial revenue."

Now, finally, we came into this wilderness, led on by fair laws and promising streams, valleys and mountains of these far-reaching territories, and we have made for ourselves the huts we dwell in, the trails we traverse, and the rude implements wherewith we toil. Shall the government reach out unkindly and vary in essence the laws that cheered us hither; take from us an unreasonable portion of that for which we have suffered, and impose on the men who are toiling as prospectors in a land of eternal ice, conditions ungenerous and perhaps prohibitive?

We have endeavored to the best of our ability to set before your Excellency the conditions surrounding us, and to dispel the false impression that appears to prevail in Canada as to the universal richness of this district—an impression founded on the success of the few without regard to the failure of the many. But in that we may have overlooked some points as to which exact information should be given, and in that we are so isolated from Ottawa that we cannot as a body speedily communicate with your Excellency, we send you, as the bearers of this petition and as our spokesmen and representatives, three of our number, Messrs. Maxime Landreville, Edward J. Livernash and A. E. Wills.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that until the difficulties, which are unavoidable at present, have been modified, no artificial burdens be added to the heavy load we Yukon miners are bearing, and that your Excellency send into this district a commission of inquiry to report fully on the character of the Yukon gold fields, and that pending such report your Excellency restore the regulations displaced by those of which we have ventured to complain; and that the three bearers of this petition be given an opportunity of making themselves serviceable to your Excellency in the giving of information possessed by them with reference to the placers of this district.

The delegation appointed to bear this message to Ottawa is representative of the three classes of the population—French-Canadian, English-Canadian and alien. Mr. Landreville, Dr. Wills and Mr. E. J. Livernash respectively championing the three interests named. They are now on their way to the Coast.

INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION.

All Canadian Boards of Trade Invited to Take Part in Discussing It.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—(Special)—As a result of a conference between Messrs. Crawford, Ross, Henderson and Wm. Scott, of the Ottawa board of trade; John McGerrow, Jas. Crathern, Charles F. Smith and Henry Miles, of the Montreal board; and Mr. Gurney, president of the Toronto board, it has been decided to issue a call for a meeting of representatives of all Canadian boards of trade to be held early in February in this city, with a view to making united representation to the Dominion government as to the urgent need for insolvency legislation.

Although a very busy man, Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N.Y., has found time in which to write a great book of over a thousand pages entitled, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, in Plain English, or Medicine Simplified. Few books printed in the English language have reached so great a sale as has this popular work, over 680,000 copies having been sold at $1.50 each. The profits on this enormous sale having repaid its author for the great amount of labor and money expended on its production he has now decided to give away, absolutely free, 500,000 copies of this valuable book, the recipient only being required to mail to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, of Buffalo, N. Y., of which company he is president, thirty-one (31) one-cent stamps, to cover cost of mailing only, and the book will be sent postpaid. It is a veritable medical library, complete in one volume. It contains 1,008 large pages, and over 300 illustrations, some of them in colors. The Free Edition is precisely the same as that sold at $1.50, except only that the books are bound in strong manilla paper covers, instead of cloth. It is not often that our readers have an opportunity to obtain a valuable book on such generous terms, and we predict that few will miss availing themselves of the unusual and liberal offer to which we have called their attention.

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THE THERMOMETER.

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1 a.m..	38°	Mean 39°	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	39°		5 a.m.—4 N.
9 a.m..	37°	Highest 42°	1 p.m.—8 N.
1 p.m..	41°	Lowest 36°	9 p.m.—8 N.
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NEW MAIL CONTRACTS.

The Sister Colony of New Zealand Insists on Thirteen Trips Annually.

Auckland Jealous of the Increasing Importance of the City of Wellington.

The decision of the New Zealand cabinet with respect to the San Francisco and Canadian mail service is received with general satisfaction in the colony, and also at Suva, where the Times congratulates the New Zealand cabinet upon having made an excellent arrangement. It will be noted that it is provided the Victoria and Vancouver service shall in future be a four-weekly one in place of a calendar monthly one, and that the contract, which is of a temporary and provisional character, is to extend to the end of March, 1899, when it may safely be predicted a more enduring engagement will be entered into for a continuation of the service. The following is the text of the mail service resolutions as adopted by the New Zealand parliament:

SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE.

1. That this house authorizes the government to extend the San Francisco mail service for twelve months from the 31st March, 1898.

2. That the basis of payment for the conveyance of mails from New Zealand to San Francisco shall be at the rate of 10s. 5d. per pound for letters, 1s. per pound for books, packets, etc., and 6d. per pound for newspapers, with a guarantee minimum payment of £7,500.

3. That the port of call in the colony shall be Auckland.

4. That the time between San Francisco and Auckland shall not exceed 19 days.

5. That no bonus shall be paid for early arrival, and penalties at the rate of £4 an hour to be enforced only when late delivery exceeds 48 hours.

6. That at least one New Zealand-owned steamer shall be employed in the service.

7. That all payments or contributions from Great Britain or other countries shall be receivable by the contractors.

8. That the passenger rates and rates for freight shall be as fixed and embodied in the contract.

9. That the provisions of the existing agreement, where not at variance with these conditions, shall apply to any new contract made under this authority.

VANCOUVER MAIL SERVICE.

1. That this house also empowers the government to establish a four-weekly mail service between New Zealand and Vancouver, British Columbia, by way Fiji and Honolulu, from the 1st December, 1897, to the 31st March, 1899.

2. Payment for the conveyance of mails from New Zealand to Vancouver to be at the rate of 10s. 5d. per pound for letters; 1s. per pound for books, packets, etc., and 6d. per pound for newspapers, with a guaranteed minimum payment at the rate of £7,500 per annum.

3. That the port of call in New Zealand shall be Wellington.

4. The steamers to be employed to be of not less than 3,300 gross registered tonnage, and the time between Wellington and Vancouver not to exceed 21 days.

5. No bonus to be paid for early arrival; a penalty at the rate of £4 per hour to be enforced when the late delivery of the mails exceeds 48 hours.

6. All payments or contributions from other countries to be receivable by the contractors.

9. The passenger accommodation to be of the best description, and suitable for the voyage through tropical latitudes.

8. The contractors to convey all mails tendered at Wellington and Vancouver by or on behalf of the postmaster general, and to provide sufficient and secure accommodation for the same.

9. The contractors also to provide suitable accommodations and lighting, for the purpose of sorting mails on board the contract vessels, first-class accommodation as required to be provided for mail agent and assistant, without charge.

10. The rates for passengers and cargo to be mutually agreed upon and embodied in the contract, the terms of which, where not inapplicable, to be similar to those set out in the provisional agreement entered into between the Hon. J. G. Ward and Mr. James Huddart at London on the 19th April, 1895.

It will be observed that the government is authorized only to extend the San Francisco service for a twelvemonth from March next, but perhaps some explanation on this point may be made by the premier when he moves the resolutions.

The terms proposed for the renewal of the San Francisco service are not of a very liberal character. In the last financial statement it was said that the colony is at present paying 11s. per pound for letters, the total amount paid being about £7,600 per year. It is now proposed to pay 10s. 5d. per pound, with a guaranteed minimum of £7,500. The time between San Francisco and Auckland is twenty days. It is now to be nineteen. The distance from Auckland to San Francisco is 5,897 miles; from Wellington to Vancouver, via Fiji, is 6,555 miles.

In commenting upon the above arrangement the Sydney Telegraph says:

"The Auckland people are greatly incensed at the endeavors of Wellington to transfer the port of call of the 'Frisco mail steamers from Auckland to Wellington. The chamber of commerce, the harbor board, the city council and the trade and labor organizations have alike passed resolutions on the subject, and agreed to take united action. Pressure is also being brought to bear upon the Auckland representatives in the house of representatives to take the question out of the region of party politics, so as to enable them to give a solid vote on the question when it comes up for consideration. The harbor board is especially active in the matter, and is prepared to make further concessions and to grant additional facilities to the various colonial and foreign steam companies in order to retain and increase the trade of Auckland. The board is prepared to give the use of the Calliope dock to English and foreign steam lines on the same terms as are granted to the men-of-war on the Australian station. The chairman of the harbor board has gone to Wellington in order to promote the schemes he has in hand for making Auckland more attractive than ever as a port of call."

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

The R.M.S. Empress of India leaves for the Orient to-day, twenty-four hours late by reason of delayed mails.

Tug Mystery has returned from the North, where she has been towing logs for several weeks.

Tug Mamie has been in port for the past few days, having brought in a boom of piles for repairs at the outer wharf.

The C.P.R. bulletin yesterday announced the arrival of the American liner St. Louis at New York from Liverpool.

Collector Milne has received a letter from the owners of the wrecked schooner Vesta, announcing that they have abandoned the wreck. The schooner, in consequence, has fallen into the hands of the collector as receiver of wrecks and she will now be sold by public auction.

Lieut. T. B. Howard, of the U.S.S. Concord, reports that passing down Grenville channel an uncharted rock was seen near the western bank one mile to the northward and westward of Union passage, at the mouth of a small stream.

ENTERED.

Str. Charmer.....	from	Vancouver.
" City of Kingston	"	Port Townsend.
" Thistle.....	"	Comox.
" J. L. Card.....	"	Nanaimo.
" Mermaid.....	"	"
" Mamie.....	"	Chemainus.
" Constance.....	"	Vancouver.

CLEARED.

Str. Charmer.....	for	Vancouver.
" City of Kingston.	"	Port Townsend.
" Lottie.....	"	Long Harbor,
" Mermaid.....	"	Nanaimo.
" Constance.....	"	Vancouver.
" Mamie.....	"	Chemainus.
" Bar. Boscowitz ..	"	Port Simpson.

M. Cohen, the tobacco expert, came over yesterday from Seattle and is registered at the Hotel Victoria.

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MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
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This is the season we push our stock of Slippers before your notice. We have all kinds for the Home and Ballroom in Plush Crochet, Patent Leather, Kid and Satin.....

A. B. ERSKINE, Corner Goverment and Johnson Sts.

To the Electors of North Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a number of ratepayers I have consented to become a candidate for election as Alderman for your ward, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

ja4 THOS. BRADBURY.

ED. LINES, General Scavenger 236 Yates street.—Yards, etc., cleaned. Orders left at Geo. Munro's, 89 Government street; Speed Bros., corner Douglas and Fort; or Blair & Gordon, corner Menzies and Michigan, will be promptly attended to de

Boys' and Men's Sweaters, 75c., $1.00, $1.25 upwards. B. Williams & Co.

ELECTION CARDS.

THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—At the request of a number of citizens I have the honor to announce that I shall be a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor at the election to be held next January, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

CHAS. E. REDFERN.

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THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—Having been requested by a large number of ratepayers to offer myself as candidate for Mayor at the ensuing Municipal Election, I have much pleasure in complying with their request, and I now most respectfully solicit the votes and influence of the electors of the municipality to secure my election

Previous to the date of election, I will, by public notice, call you together to place before you my views in municipal matters.

de18 JOSEPH WESTROP CAREY.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF
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THE CITY HOUSE

Positively the Last Week of the Sale

As many customers were unable to be served, during the last few days we have decided to continue one week longer . . .
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